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INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Scope

This program was conducted to determine the inspectability of the Copperhead control housings (fig. 1) for critical surface flaws which might occur as a result of heat treatment. It is based on a crack inspection map and the associated crack size limits developed by a fracture analysis study (ref 1). The map (fig. 2) includes four types of crosshatching to delineate the zones in which certain sizes of cracks are allowable without impairment of the housing function. Within each zone the allowable size is further categorized as an edge, corner, or surface crack. The legend accompanying the maps provides specific values for all 12 acceptance limits (4 zones X 3 types). The geometry assumed for the three types is shown in figure 3. Any flaw larger than the limit for a particular zone or type would, theoretically, cause catastrophic failure of the control housing as the round was fired.

Ground Rules

Because inspection studies have shown that eddy current (E.C.) methods are quite sensitive to small fatigue cracks in plates (ref 2), it was agreed that such testing offered the greatest success potential as a nondestructive means for evaluating the acceptability of any cracks that might occur in control housings. An investigation was undertaken with the following principal concerns:

1. Evaluate available eddy current test equipment
2. Evaluate different types of eddy current probes from several sources
3. Fabricate test specimens and calibration standards including evaluation of the effects of variables and investigation of the existence of a correlation between machine slots and natural cracks
4. Develop special techniques for geometric peculiarities of control housings such as slots, keyways, and holes
5. Combine the results of the items above into a test concept for accepting or rejecting control housings in accordance with the criteria set forth in the crack maps at full production rates

The investigation showed the following conclusions:

1. Five types of equipment from three manufacturers were evaluated. Off-the-shelf equipment is available for automatic, multi-probe, multi-parameter, and high resolution evaluation of flaws.

2. Thirteen probes representing four genetic types and three manufacturers were evaluated with respect to a variety of simulated cracks. Probes present no problems in sensitivity, resolution, or availability.

3. Tool material and techniques can produce machined slots as narrow as 0.0035 inch in 4340 steel heat treated to Rockwell C55. Fatigue cracks of accurately controllable length and highly repeatable aspect ratio can be grown in the same type of steel plate. Specimens, including machined slots to simulate flaws of sequentially sized edge lengths, surface lengths, depths, and widths, were fabricated.

The equipment and probes were found to be capable of detecting simulated flaws that were smaller than the smallest described by the crack maps and were found capable of indicating the relative size of the machined slots. The fatigue cracks could not be characterized so that an accept or reject decision could be reached, and no correlation was found between machined slots and natural cracks.

Because of these uncertainties and the geometric variability that results from allowable tolerances and from fabrication processes such as deburring (figs. 54 and 55), the eddy current techniques must be considered unfeasible for accepting or rejecting control housings in accordance with the crack map criteria even though it demonstrated a capability of detecting the critical size flaws.

EQUIPMENT AND TEST SPECIMENS

Eddy Current Equipment Selection

The following five models of eddy current test equipment were evaluated during the program:

1. Magnaflux ED 800
2. Automation Industries EM 3300
3. Automation Industries EM 4300
4. Nortec NDT 16
5. Nortec NDT 25L

A matrix of the significant operating and performance characteristics for each is shown in table 1.

Only the EM 3300 and the nondestructive testing 16 (NDT 16) were used for probe evaluation and performance comparisons. The NDT 16 has an oscilloscope sweep mode with high-pass filtering that offers significant advantages in presenting the response to variables, while the EM 3300 offers continuously variable frequencies from 1.0 kHz to 2.5 MHz against the NDT 16's three fixed frequencies of 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 MHz.

The Nortec NDT 25L was the choice for production testing of the control housing because it is completely programmable and could be readily multiplexed to a number of probes or test stations. The NDT 25 L was not available for use in this program; it was evaluated as a prototype unit at the Nortec plant.

Reluxtrol test equipment was not available for either evaluation or use in the program.

Probe Selection

The probes were selected to provide a cross-section of operating frequencies, configurations, and generic types. More sources were considered, but to avoid redundancy only the following three manufacturers were selected:

1. The Nortec probes were selected to represent commercial, off-the-shelf, general purpose units.
2. The Reluxtrol probes were selected to represent commercial, but very specialized types. The 3-152 was particularly chosen for its spatial resolution, on the order of several thousandths of an inch.
3. Pratt & Whitney is not a commercial supplier of probes for industry but has invested heavily in developing and fabricating high-precision probes for their own jet engine applications.

The probes used in this program are shown in figure 4. Because the Reluxtrol 3-151 and 3-152 probes do not have self-contained balancing coils, the other two Reluxtrol probes were used for balance purposes not subjected to evaluation.

Production Part Test Specimens

Because it is generally accepted in eddy current studies, the process of electric discharge machining (EDM) was selected to cut very narrow slots of known dimensions in a control housing to simulate cracks. The crack maps were analyzed and the dimensions and locations of slots were established so that all possible combinations of crack type (edge, corner, surface), crack size (from smaller than the smallest to larger than the largest allowable), and surrounding geometry (slot, hole, recess) for both ID and OD were included. Two control housings were required to accommodate all the slots. To facilitate EDM electrode access, the control housings were cut in half longitudinally as shown by figures 5 and 6. Although these particular housings were neither machined nor heat treated using precisely the same equipment or processes planned for production, they were sufficiently similar to production parts to serve the purposes of this investigation. Close-ups of some typical EDM slots are shown in figures 7 and 8.

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Ideal Test Specimens

A geometrically ideal test specimen was fabricated from 3/8-inch thick 4340 steel plate that had been heat treated by the same process as the production control housings. Special attention was given to smoothly ground parallel surfaces and to sharply formed 90° corners. This ideal specimen allowed better accessibility for more precise EDM slotting, as well as more simplified test positioning and holding than the control housing parts. The specimen is shown in figure 9 and the dimensions of the slots listed in table 2. The finished edge slots are shown in figures 10, 11, and 12. The specimen contains additional constant depth and varying width slots not called for by the crack map. The effects of these slots proved to be interesting.

To evaluate the many holes and recesses of the control housing without geometry induced noise, a special set of disc shaped ideal specimens were fabricated. The object was to minimize the difficulty and number of probes required to compensate for varying (but within tolerance) diameters. The technique would rotate the hole about an accurately and simply positionable probe rather than rotating a probe within the hole. One of the plates mounted on its matching mandrel and variable speed drive motor is shown in figure 13.

Natural Crack Test Specimens

One objective of the program was to investigate the existence of correlation between EDM slots and natural cracks so that calibration standards could be produced by controllable machining methods. While the ideal specimens were being tested, fatigue cracks were being grown in 3/8 x 6 x 18-inch 4340 plates that had been heat treated using the production process for control housings.

EDM starter notches were introduced into the plate stock as shown in figure 14. The depth of the starter notch was monitored by a dial indicator and controlled by a mechanical stop on the electrode drive mechanism.

The cracks were initiated and grown in a rotating mass fatigue machine (bending fatigue) shown in figure 15. This machine has options for pre-loading the specimen for fatigue in the tension-tension mode or for loading in pure tension. Cracks were grown in tension-tension. Crack initiation and growth were monitored with a microscope and stroboscope lighting. Crack length was measured using a calibrated reticle in the eyepiece. After a crack was grown to the desired length, the panel was repositioned in the fatigue machine to grow cracks in other areas. A 10X magnification of a starter notch and its fatigue crack is shown in figure 16. The required EDM electrode shape, size, depth, pre-load, and fatigue load were determined by fracture and examination of trial cracks. Once these parameters were established, consistency of crack growth was assured by monitoring length during growth.

Three straight, transverse cracks approximately 0.400-inch long were grown in a plate. It was estimated that the process produced cracks 0.200-inch deep. The plate was cut into three pieces, each containing a centered crack. The pieces were ground on the back side to produce a flat surface, then on the front side to produce a flat surface and to remove the starter notch. The result was three small plates with flat, parallel faces, each containing a natural crack approximately 0.400-inch long. Photomicrographs of the cracks, designated A, B, and C are shown in figures 17, 18, and 19.

TEST PROGRAM

General

The performance tests were designed to provide the best results that could be expected of any given equipment and probe combination. With the ideal geometry specimen minimizing response noise due to part variables, the setup shown in figure 20 minimized positioning and motion variables. The photo shows the granite surface plate, granite straight edge, NDT 16 with oscilloscope camera, EM 3300, probe holding micrometer stage, ideal specimen drawn via a string connected to a variable speed motor, and dial indicator used to set zero liftoff.

Using this arrangement, the probe was not moved above the surface of the part; the part was moved beneath the tip of the probe. A close-up view of the

probe-holding micrometer stage is shown in figure 21. It provided a stable, repeatable 0.0001-inch resolution adjustment of liftoff (Y axis) and edge distance (X axis). The combination of surface plate, straight edge, and parallelism of the ideal specimen assured that liftoff and edge distance would not deviate more than 0.0002 inch during passes of the specimen beneath the probe. Motion of the specimen was either a continuous, synchronized (note microswitch) operation using the oscilloscope sweep, or a selective hand motion to evaluate one EDM slot at a time.

The oscilloscope camera attached to the NDT 16 in the photo was used to provide a permanent record of responses. Multiple exposures were often made for direct comparisons of signals. Since signal amplitude units are arbitrary, a vernier caliper or optical comparator was used to accurately measure signals (in inches).

To avoid the need for changing gain during any given test, the equipment was always adjusted so that the maximum signal to be seen (the deepest slot of the variable depth series) would not exceed the limits of the CRT graticule. Signal phase rotation was always adjusted so that the principal signal of interest would appear exactly on the X or Y axis of the CRT. To provide proportional graph presentation of responses, signal amplitude data were reduced for any given test by using the maximum indication as 100% regardless of its absolute amplitude. When required by direct comparison of different probes, the gain setting required to produce the full screen maximum signal from the largest slot is noted to provide relative sensitivity of each probe.

Because probes typically include wear faces or other material that extends beyond the tip of the coil or core, zero liftoff based on mechanical contact is not likely to be the same as electrical zero liftoff. To standardize probe liftoff, tips were ground down until the first winding of the coil was contacted. Zero liftoff for each test was then established by:

1. Placing the dial indicator horizontally against the side of the probe
2. Monitoring the dial indicator for deflection while moving the specimen back and forth beneath the probe
3. Adjusting the liftoff micrometer until the specimen and probe just cleared one another

Zero liftoff could be mechanically repeated to within 0.0001 inch. Unless otherwise specified, liftoff for all tests was 0.006 inch.

The effect of probe speed past the slots was evaluated at the outset of the test program. The speed necessary to produce degradation of the response data was found to be well beyond the practical limit for the test setup.

Except for one special test, specimens were demagnetized to evaluate the effects of part magnetization.

The laboratory environment was controlled at $68 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{F}$ and $50 \pm 10\%$ relative humidity, and the equipment was maintained in a power-on condition for the duration of the program.

Probes were not always run at their design frequencies. Any frequency at which null could be achieved was considered suitable, if not necessarily optimum.

The probe, equipment, and design frequency and operating frequency combinations used in tests of the ideal geometry specimen are listed in table 3.

Linearity of CRT Screen and X/R Controls

An oscilloscope camera photo of the response of the 3-152 Reluxtrol probe to the W-1 slot, positioned at various places on the CRT by using the X and R controls is shown in figure 22. Linearity of the NDT 16 is excellent. The traces correspond to the W-1 slot positioned immediately to the left of the probe tip, being drawn to the right beneath the probe tip, and stopping immediately to the right of the probe tip. This is typical of single slot evaluations which follow.

Two-Pole Probes

The Pratt & Whitney probes and the Nortec SP0-1515 probe are examples of two-pole units, both differential and absolute. They are completely unsuited to the Copperhead application because of their great sensitivity to crack orientation. The type of cracks considered in the control housing can have any orientation or even multiple orientations. The various responses as the probe and slot axis orientation was changed in 15° steps beginning with the probe poles straddling the slot are shown in figure 23. All responses are from the same probe over the same slot at the same liftoff. NDT 16 controls were untouched during the tests except to move the origin of the traces vertically over the CRT face for a multiple exposure photograph.

Magnetized Versus Demagnetized Material

Two CRT displays that were drawn beneath Nortec 3551 probe operating at 1.0 Mhz using the sweep synchronized mode are shown in figure 24 as an ideal specimen. The vertical spikes are responses to the various slots. The difference between the two lies in the flattened versus upturned baseline and magnetized versus demagnetized material. The smoothing effect could have been produced simpler and to a greater degree by using the internal high pass filters of the NDT 16.

Spatial Resolution

Two photographs of the CRT display as the two deepest slots, D-1 and D-2, were drawn beneath the probes in the sweep synchronized mode are shown in figure 25. With the distance between the slots known to be 0.400 inch, the 20% amplitude points on the Nortec responses are 0.053 and 0.051 inches wide. Subtracting the 0.006 and 0.005 slot widths and dividing the result by two gives resolution of ± 0.023 inch. The higher resolution Reluxtrol probe yields a signal with two widths: one corresponds to the positive-going signal and the other corresponds to the negative which is a potential problem in an application where a wide variety of cracks must be evaluated as described in the crack map.

Relative Sensitivity

The deflection resulting from passing the same slot at the same liftoff with the same frequency, and the same equipment gain is shown in figure 26. Resolution is not free; it costs in relative sensitivity.

Response to Slot Depth

Data obtained when slots of all depths were drawn beneath a Nortec 3551 probe designed for 1 MHz, but operated at 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 MHz, is plotted in figure 27. Liftoff was fixed at 0.006 inch. The greatest response from the 0.123 deep slot is the 100% reference level. The correlation is excellent.

Response to Liftoff Change

Data derived from passing slots of all depths below the probes at different liftoff spacings and at three different frequencies (Nortec probe) are plotted in figure 28. Zero liftoff is not practical; therefore, the baseline for determining the 100% response level is 0.002 inch.

The maximum and minimum signals were plotted for each liftoff value, and a smooth curve drawn connecting them. The results of any delta change about any liftoff value can be easily determined. For example, the dotted lines show the inherent output variation that could be expected from the Reluxtrol probe if the liftoff were held constant at 0.004 inch (62% to 70%) and if the liftoff varied ± 0.001 inch (51% to 84%).

The curves have been reduced to data listed in table 4. Gain settings are included as an indication of relative sensitivity.

Response to Slot Width

The patterns that resulted when the Reluxtrol 3-152 and the Nortec 3551 probes were used to evaluate the varying width and constant depth series of slots is shown in figure 29. In each case the horizontal trace corresponds to the narrowest (0.0045 inch) slot, and the counterclockwise phase progression covers widths of 0.0100, 0.0136, 0.0156, 0.0180, and 0.0220 inch. It would be interesting to plot widths between 0.0002 and 0.0020 inch, but no technique is available for producing a controlled sequence of such narrow slots. From this test, it appears that an important parameter to be considered when crack width could vary significantly would be phase change of the output signal.

Response to Corner Slots and Edge Effects

A different procedure was followed to assess the measurement of corner slots. The probe liftoff was set at 0.006 inch with the Y axis micrometer, and the tip of the probe moved away from the edge of the ideal specimen using the X axis micrometer until there was no response to any of the corner slots as the specimen was drawn past the probe. The probe was then moved inboard over the ideal specimen in 0.010-inch steps and recordings made of the probe's response to all eight corner slots with each step. End view plots of the probe responses to the C-1, C-2, C-3, C-5, and C-7 slots are shown in figures 30 and 31. The Reluxtrol probe has a significantly steeper rise as the edge of the specimen is crossed which is a result of the fine spatial resolution and immunity to nearby discontinuities. Note the irregularity of the curves. There is nothing wrong with the probe. It is apparently reading the differences in slot width and the Nortec probe is not. To verify the point, the probes were placed over the corner slots at an inboard position that gave a high signal output, the scope presentation mode changed to provide phase information, and the photographs in figure 32 were taken. Note the almost constant phase of the Nortec signals and the widely divergent patterns of the Reluxtrol.

How the phase change could effect evaluation of the corner slots in a sweep mode of operation is shown in figure 33. The lower half of the photo is the response of the probe to the eight corner slots with the equipment's phase rotation control set for optimum output from the largest corner slot. Without any adjustment to the equipment other than a slight change in the phase rotation control, the pattern was rerun on the upper half of the CRT. In one instance slots C-1 and C-2 are indicated as being significantly larger than the other six slots. In the other they are smaller, nearly equal to C-7.

Fatigue Cracks

In an attempt to establish a correlation between EDM slots and natural cracks, a series of tests were designed in which fatigue cracks would be analyzed to produce response and dimension profiles. The plan called for the following steps:

1. Remove starter notch
2. Polish and etch the cracked surface
3. Assure absence of metal smear
4. Demagnetize sample
5. Measure the distance from the left end of the crack to the left end of the test specimen
6. Measure the length of the crack
7. Move along the crack length from left to right manually passing a probe back and forth over the crack every 0.050 inch and recording the amplitude of the response
8. Regrind the specimen to remove a prescribed amount of material to reduce crack depth (care to avoid disturbing surface condition includes full coolant flow and slow cutting not to exceed 0.0015-inch depth)
9. Return to step 2 and repeat until crack disappears

The arrangement used for manual scanning is shown in figure 34. The probe is mounted in a nylon shoe that holds it vertical, maintains a constant 0.006-inch liftoff, provides a rotational reference in the form of the set screw, and provides a surface to be held against the vernier caliper. The vernier caliper provides accurate repeatability of the probe paths over the crack that is set 0.050-inch larger for each successive pass.

The numerical data developed from the tests is listed in table 5. The depth was not known at the onset of the measurements. It was determined when the crack disappeared following the last grind, and the depth at the time of each measurement figured backward from the bottom of the crack.

The tests were performed using the NDT 16 and a Nortec 3551 probe operated at 2.0 MHz and 0.006-inch liftoff. Eddy current signals are in percent relative to the maximum signal obtained during all the measurements of all three cracks (i.e., crack A, 0.082 inch deep at position 0.150).

The dimensional data gathered during the successive grindings is plotted on figure 35. The scale factor is linear and is the same in both X and Y axes so that the aspect ratio of the cracks is presented directly. The three curves used to join the data points are identical. They prove the controllable nature of the crack growth process and of the profiling technique.

The eddy current signal amplitude versus crack cross section at each depth is plotted in figures 36 through 40. Although the three cracks have identical cross sections, they do not produce identical eddy current profiles, nor do the eddy current signals diminish in amplitude in proportion to the diminishing crack depth.

A set of plots for the signals produced at the center of each crack as the depth changed versus the response of another Nortec 3551 probe to increasing EDM slot depth (fig. 27) is shown in figure 41.

For the set of three cracks, the crack depth could not have been determined from instrument indications.

Because the results were so contrary to published information on eddy current and crack measurement applications, the entire test program for fatigue cracks was repeated using a newly fabricated specimen. Every step of the operation was subjected to the most critical scrutiny so that procedural errors might be uncovered, but none were found. In addition, the new fatigue crack was evaluated using Nortec 3551 probes at 0.50 and 0.10 MHz. Liftoff remained at 0.006 inch.

The numerical data developed from the test of fatigue crack F are provided in table 6, and the dimensional data plotted in figure 42. The points that had to be "fudged" are indicated by circles instead of dots. In all cases, the alteration was a simple bias shift to the right. The eddy current signal amplitude versus crack cross section at each depth is plotted in figures 43 to 50. The lack of correlation still exists, the frequency makes little difference in response. A set of plots for the signals at the center of the cracks versus eddy current response to EDM slot depth is shown in figure 51. The nonlinearity of response to crack F is unlike the response to cracks A, B, and C, worsening the prospect of determining the crack depth on the basis of signal amplitude.

During the fabrication of crack specimen F, another fatigue crack specimen was fractured, and the fracture zone photographed. Further evidence that the dimensional profiles were correct is provided in figure 52.

As a possible explanation for some of the differences between natural cracks and EDM slots, figure 53 shows the glaring difference between the two under 300X magnification. This photograph also indicates that the violent responses of some of the Reluxtrol 3-152 probe tests are probably invalid for natural cracks.

CONCLUSIONS

The project successfully solved the original problem of detecting small flaws in the Copperhead control housing through existing technology, but it also identified other problems that had not been anticipated.

Reliable detection of fatigue cracks and EDM slots of the sizes suggested to be critical to the control housing was demonstrated. However, characterization of the cracks or correlation of the response of cracks versus EDM slots was not established. Such correlation is required for the design of an eddy current calibration standard, because without it inspection for acceptance or rejection of the control housing per the crack map criteria is not possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The current requirements for liquid penetrant inspection, which is capable of detecting the critical flaw sizes per the crack map on over 90% of the surface area, should be continued. The remaining uninspectable areas of the control housing were judged for probability of thermal shock cracking based on the assumption that areas of the most abrupt change in material thickness were most susceptible. This judgement revealed the following three areas remaining of primary concern: 1. the key slot, 2. the support shelf for the wing extension housing, and 3. the fin slots. The fin slots cannot be inspected due to machining irregularities as shown in figures 54 and 55. An authoritative evaluation of these judgements is suggested.

An additional investigation should be conducted on the correlation between cracks and simulated cracks and also on the characterization of cracks in 4340 material. To support this effort it is further recommended that eddy current inspection be performed on the key slot and wing extension housing support shelf of production control housings using an arbitrary high sensitivity rejection level, and further, that all indications be destructively analyzed. The remaining critical areas of the fin slots could be included in this investigation if there was consistency in the part geometry. A study is recommended to determine the feasibility of replacing the hand deburring operation of the fin slots with a controlled machining operation in order to render this area inspectable by eddy current.

The basis for this project was the crack map which was constructed with some necessarily assumed data. Concern was expressed during the course of this project for actual stress data to be collected from instrumented projectile test firings. When that data are available it is recommended that the fracture analysis study be reviewed with added consideration for:

1. The degree of effect of crack orientation (which was not included in the original study) since that would help to identify the areas of greatest concern.

2. The effect of a chamfered corner versus a sharp corner.

3. Clarification of the size of critical edge cracks in areas where the inside surface map indicates a different crack size than the outside surface map or an edge crack that would connect the two surfaces.

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Table 1. Equipment evaluation matrix

PARAMETERS EVALUATED	INSTRUMENTS				
	ED - 800	EM - 3300	EM - 4300	NDT - 16	NDT - 25L
PRICE, APPROXIMATE (\$K)	5	7	8	9	18
PROGRAMMABLE/COMPUTER INTERFACE					A
CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE FREQUENCY	X	X	X	B	X
CRYSTAL CONTROLLED OSCILLATOR		X	X	B	X
HORIZONTAL SENSITIVITY CONTROL (STEPS)	1	5	5	3	C
VERTICAL SENSITIVITY CONTROL (STEPS)	2	5	5	3	C
FLAW GATES	2	0	1	0	1
VISUAL ALARM	X		X		X
AUDIBLE ALARM			X		X
BATTERY OPERATION			X		D

NOTES: A - ALL TEST PARAMETERS MAY BE PROGRAMMED FOR AS MANY AS 16 TESTS

B - DEPENDS ON PLUG-IN UNIT SELECTION

C - CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE

D - NDT-25 (SMALL CRT UNIT) CONTAINS RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Table 2. Actual dimensions of EDM slots (in.)

C-1 0.0056 x 0.242	D-1 0.0058 x 0.123	W-1 0.0220 x 0.059	S-1a 0.0060 x 0.404 x 0.020*
C-2 0.0088 x 0.152	D-2 0.0050 x 0.081	W-2 0.0180 x 0.060	S-1b 0.0040 x 0.392 x 0.010*
C-3 0.0040 x 0.104	D-3 0.0047 x 0.053	W-3 0.0156 x 0.060	S-2a 0.0040 x 0.218 x 0.020*
C-4 0.0043 x 0.071	D-4 0.0040 x 0.037	W-4 0.0136 x 0.061	S-2b 0.0045 x 0.197 x 0.010*
C-5 0.0040 x 0.051	D-5 0.0037 x 0.027	W-5 0.0100 x 0.062	S-3a 0.0040 x 0.103 x 0.020*
C-6 0.0040 x 0.037	D-6 0.0036 x 0.015	W-6 0.0094 x 0.062**	S-3b 0.0040 x 0.103 x 0.010*
C-7 0.0040 x 0.028	D-7 0.0047 x 0.011	W-7 0.0045 x 0.063	S-4a 0.0050 x 0.056 x 0.010*
C-8 0.0045 x 0.018			S-4b 0.0040 x 0.054 x 0.005*
			S-5 0.0030 x 0.025 x 0.005*
			S-6a 0.0035 x 0.195 x 0.010*
			S-6b 0.0065 x 0.208 x 0.022*

*BASED ON EDM MACHINE DEPTH INDICATION; NOT ACTUAL MEASUREMENT OF FINISHED PART (FIG. 9)

**MACHINING ERROR. TOO CLOSE TO WIDTH OF W-5. NOT USED FOR DATA.

Table 3. Probe, equipment, and frequency matrix

Probe	Design Freq (MHz)	Use Freq (MHz)	Equipment	
Nortec 3551F	0.100	0.020	EM 3300	
Nortec 3551F	0.100	0.100	EM 3300	
Nortec 3551F	0.100	0.100	EM 3300	
Nortec 3511F	0.100	0.100	EM 3300	
Nortec 3551F	0.100	0.250	EM 3300	
Nortec 3551F	0.100	0.250	EM 3300	
Nortec 3551F	0.500	0.500	EM 3300	
Nortec 3551F	0.500	0.500	NDT 16	
Nortec 3551F	0.500	0.500	NDT 16	
Nortec 3551	1.000	0.500	NDT 16	
Nortec 3551	1.000	1.000	EM 3300	
Nortec 3551	1.000	1.000	NDT 16	
Nortec 3551	1.000	1.000	NDT 16	
Nortec 3551	1.000	2.000	NDT 16	
Reluxtrol 3-151		1.000	NDT 16	
Reluxtrol 3-152		1.000	NDT 16	
Reluxtrol 3-152		1.000	NDT 16	
Nortec SPO-1515	1.000	1.000	NDT 16	Longitudinal
Nortec SPO-1515	1.000	1.000	NDT 16	Transverse
P&W GKF-7894		1.000	NDT 16	Longitudinal
P&W GKF-7894		1.000	NDT 16	Transverse
P&W GKF-7895		1.000	NDT 16	Longitudinal
P&W GKF-7895		1.000	NDT 26	Transverse
P&W HKF-0174		1.000	NDT 16	Longitudinal
P&W HKF-0174		1.000	NDT 16	Transverse

Table 4. Range of output signals for given values of liftoff versus all slot depths

RELUXTROL 3-152 PROBE OPERATED AT 1.0 MHz

LIFTOFF (IN.)	SIGNAL RANGE (%)	MAX/MIN RATIO
0.004 ± 0.0000	61.6 TO 70.2	1.14/1
0.004 ± 0.0010	50.5 TO 83.5	1.65/1
0.006 ± 0.0000	42.5 TO 51.5	1.21/1
0.006 ± 0.0010	36.0 TO 59.6	1.66/1
0.006 ± 0.0015	33.5 TO 64.6	1.93/1

**NORTEC 3551 1 MHz PROBE OPERATED AT 0.5, 1.0, AND 2.0 MHz
(ALL RESULTS COMBINED)**

LIFTOFF (IN.)	SIGNAL RANGE (%)	MAX/MIN RATIO
0.004 ± 0.0000	81.7 TO 83.7	1.02/1
0.004 ± 0.0010	74.3 TO 91.6	1.23/1
0.006 ± 0.0000	67.5 TO 71.3	1.06/1
0.006 ± 0.0010	61.7 TO 77.3	1.25/1
0.006 ± 0.0015	59.0 TO 77.9	1.32/1
0.018 ± 0.0000	25.7 TO 32.0	1.25/1
0.018 ± 0.0010	23.5 TO 34.0	1.45/1
0.018 ± 0.0015	22.5 TO 35.0	1.56/1

Table 5. Fatigue crack dimensional and eddy current profiles

FATIGUE CRACK "B"

DIMENSIONAL PROFILE

DEPTH	LENGTH	LEFT END	RIGHT END
0.110	0.407	0.000	0.407
0.100	—	—	—
0.082	0.390	0.009	0.399
0.063	0.373	0.025	0.398
0.033	0.307	0.059	0.366
0.013	0.220	0.099	0.319
0.000	0.000	0.203*	0.203*

EDDY CURRENT PROFILE

POSITION	0	0.050	0.100	0.150	0.200	0.250	0.300	0.350	0.400
DEPTH									
0.110		2	4	5	16	24	14	5	3
0.100		5	42	52	83	80	83	79	30
0.082			36	80	88	81	51	36	14
0.063			10	19	24	53	26	31	12
0.033			5	16	21	36	45	33	19
0.013					6	4	8	4	

FATIGUE CRACK "C"

DIMENSIONAL PROFILE

DEPTH	LENGTH	LEFT END	RIGHT END
0.110	0.406	0.000	0.406
0.100	—	—	—
0.082	0.393	0.010	0.403
0.063	0.376	0.021	0.397
0.033	0.310	0.048	0.358
0.013	0.245	0.094	0.339
0.000	0.000	0.203*	0.203*

EDDY CURRENT PROFILE

POSITION	0	0.050	0.100	0.150	0.200	0.250	0.300	0.350	0.400	0.450
DEPTH										
0.110		3	4	5	11	11	6	4	3	1
0.100		10	13	40	48	55	38	20	6	2
0.082		53	90	86	78	49	36	58	51	
0.063		6	15	20	21	15	10	6		
0.033				8	12	10	13			

FATIGUE CRACK "A"

DIMENSIONAL PROFILE

DEPTH	LENGTH	LEFT END	RIGHT END
0.110	0.408	0.000	0.408
0.100	—	—	—
0.082	0.397	0.003	0.400
0.063	0.373	0.018	0.391
0.033	0.322	0.045	0.367
0.013	0.249	0.113	0.362
0.000	0.000	0.204*	0.204*

*ESTIMATED

EDDY CURRENT PROFILE

POSITION	0	0.050	0.100	0.150	0.200	0.250	0.300	0.350	0.400	0.450
DEPTH										
0.110		3	5	6	46	55	86	59	15	5
0.100		3	14	39	46	85	66	62	34	6
0.082		11	13	80	100	100	80	39	16	9
0.063			7	13	21	25	24	19	14	4
0.033			6	9	12	17	22	22	13	5
0.013				5	13	10	9	6		

Table 6. Fatigue crack F profiles

DIMENSIONAL PROFILE

DEPTH	LENGTH	LEFT END	RIGHT END
0.112	0.478	0.000	0.478
0.097	0.465	0.007	0.472
0.082	0.449	0.014	0.463
0.067	0.408	0.035	0.443
0.052	0.393	0.034	0.427
0.037	0.372	0.009	0.381
0.022	0.294	0.009	0.303
0.007	0.117	0.076	0.193
0.000	0.000	0.239*	0.239*

EDDY CURRENT PROFILE (100 KHz)

POSITION	0	0.050	0.100	0.150	0.200	0.250	0.300	0.350	0.400	0.450
DEPTH										
0.112	6	14	30	56	100	96	93	50	30	6
0.097	11	20	20	26	34	31	26	26	20	6
0.082	7	20	39	49	49	53	49	39	26	10
0.067	7	19	21	39	57	49	54	37	23	7
0.052	3	10	24	34	39	33	33	27	16	6
0.037	3	6	19	26	26	21	20	17	11	3
0.022	1	6	16	33	41	41	40	20	11	3
0.007			1	16	27	31	19	6		

EDDY CURRENT PROFILE (500 KHz)

POSITION	0	0.050	0.100	0.150	0.200	0.250	0.300	0.350	0.400	0.450
DEPTH										
0.112	3	9	10	19	76	100	36	11	14	4
0.097	6	16	19	23	30	36	21	23	22	11
0.082	4	18	34	43	49	51	50	50	25	25
0.067	10	14	30	39	44	40	44	36	20	9
0.052	3	10	29	39	40	40	36	24	6	3
0.037		4	14	21	29	30	22	29	20	
0.022	1	1	14	33	34	40	31	20	16	3
0.007			1	16	40	44	22	14	3	



Figure 1. Copperhead control housing

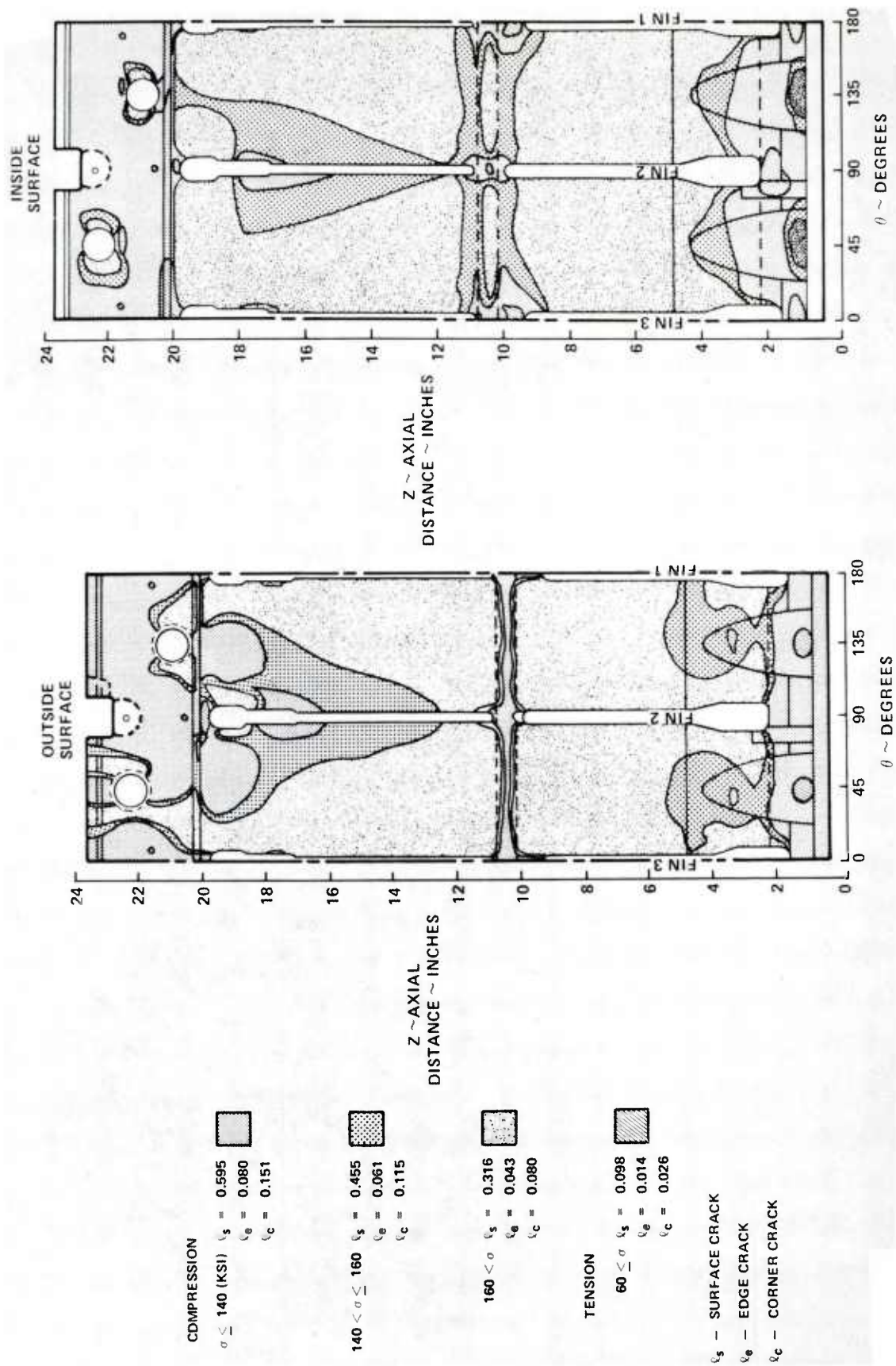


Figure 2. Crack map

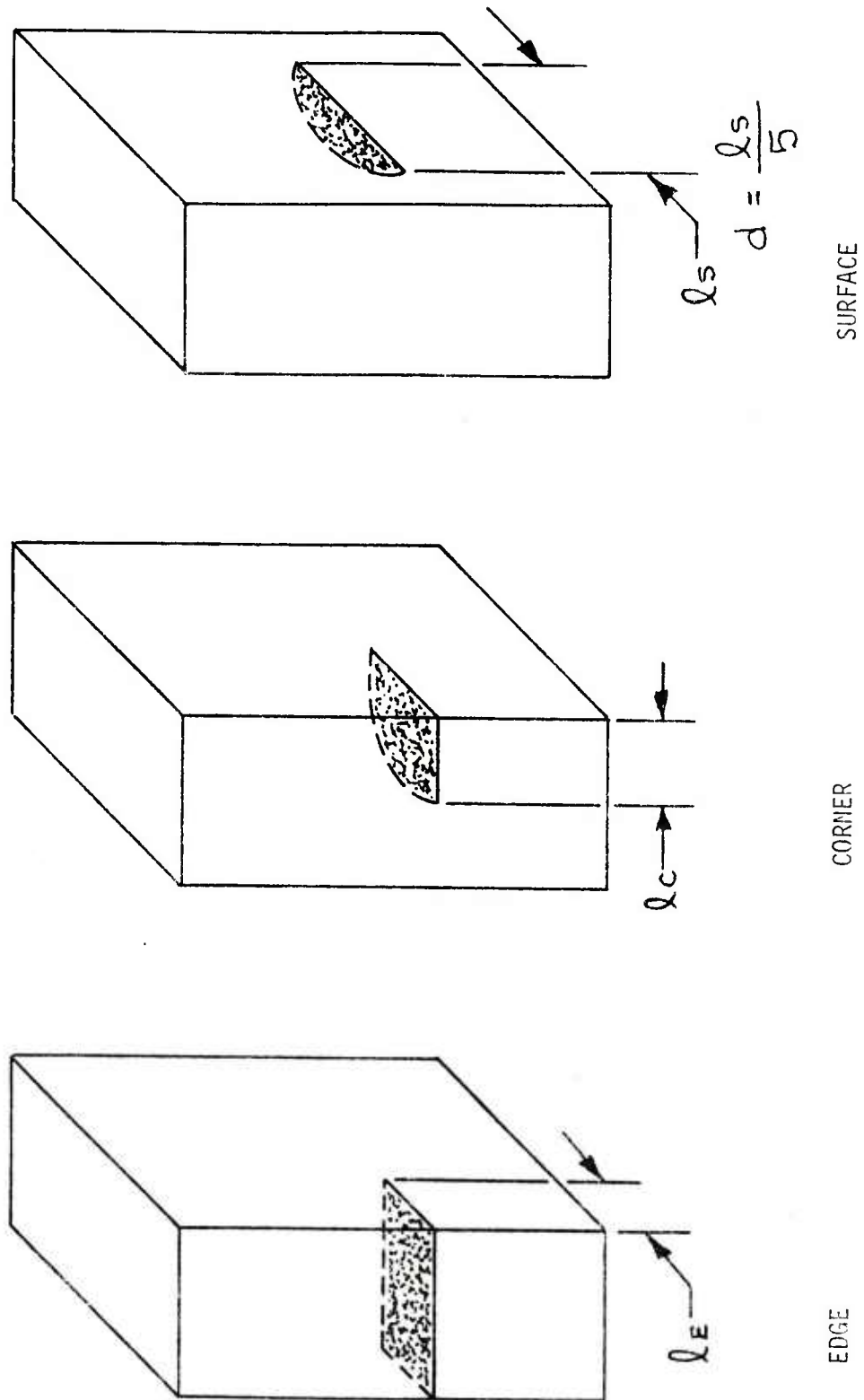


Figure 3. Crack geometry

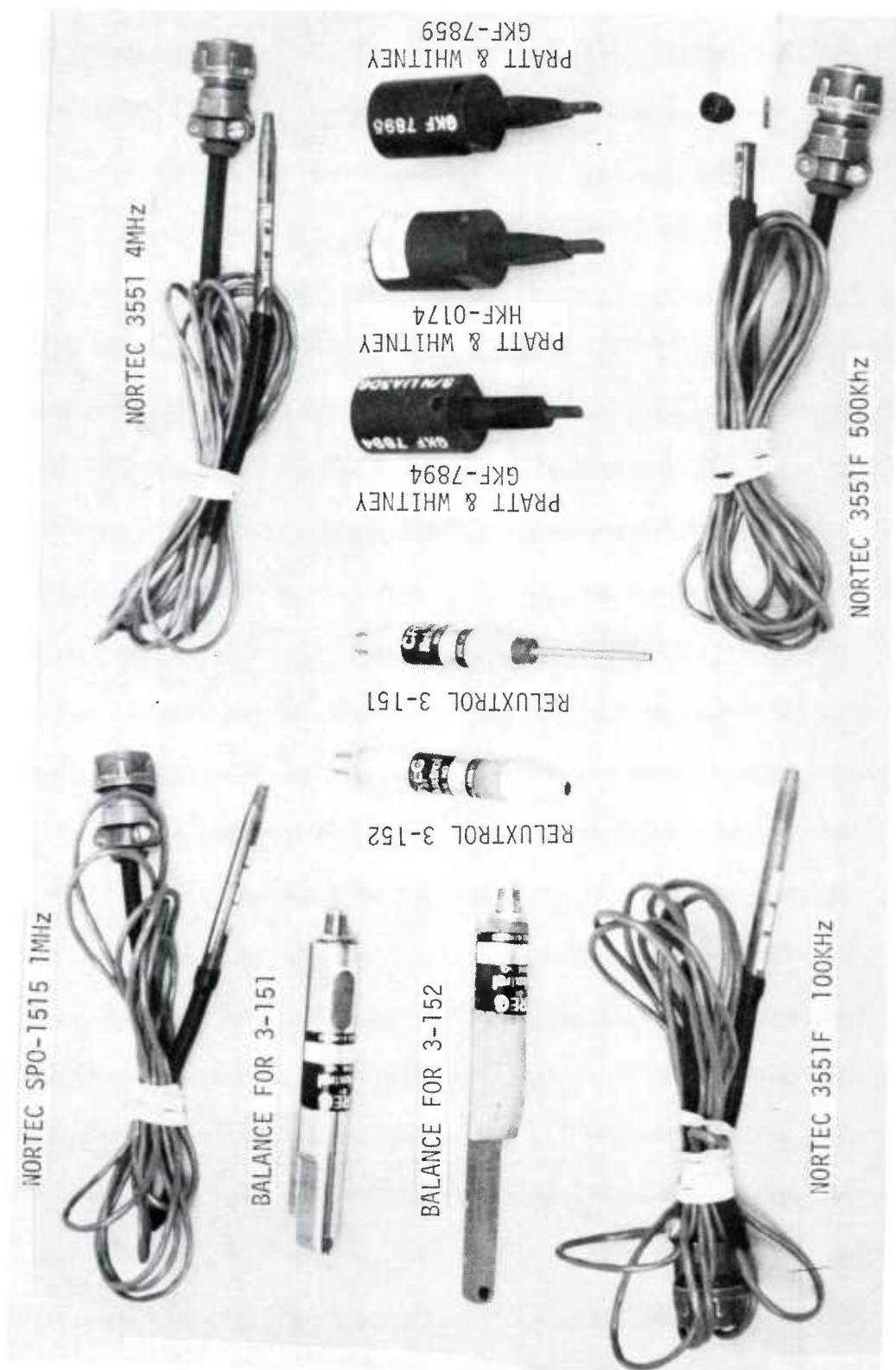


Figure 4. Eddy current probes



Figure 5. Outside view, 1/2 control housing

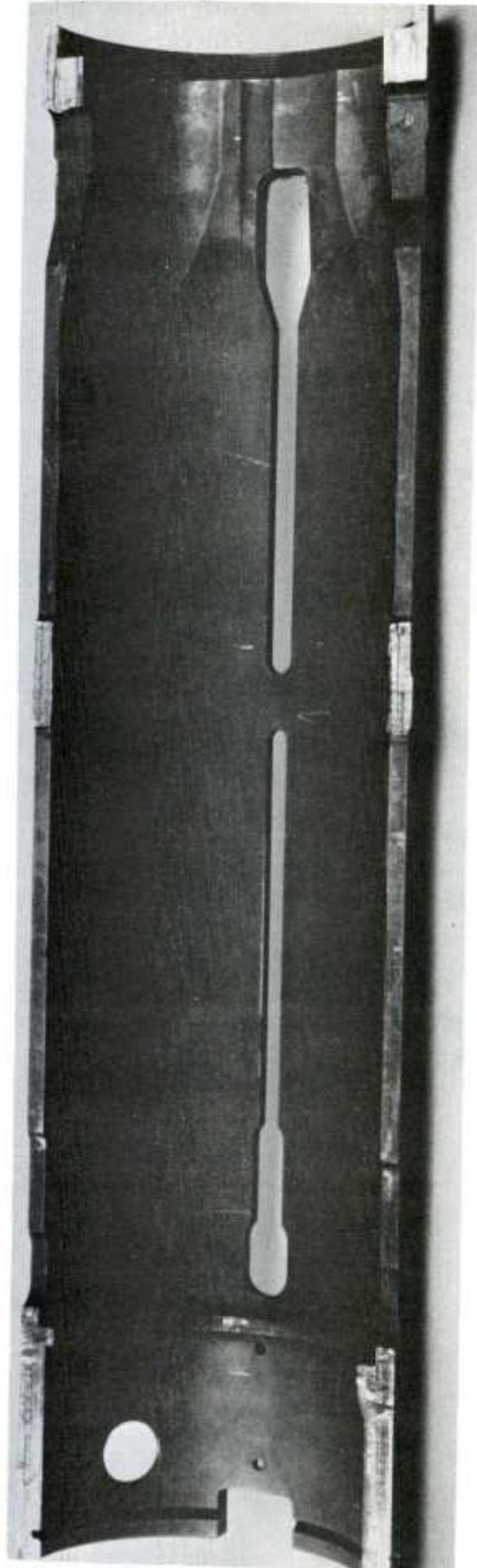


Figure 6. Inside view, 1/2 control housing

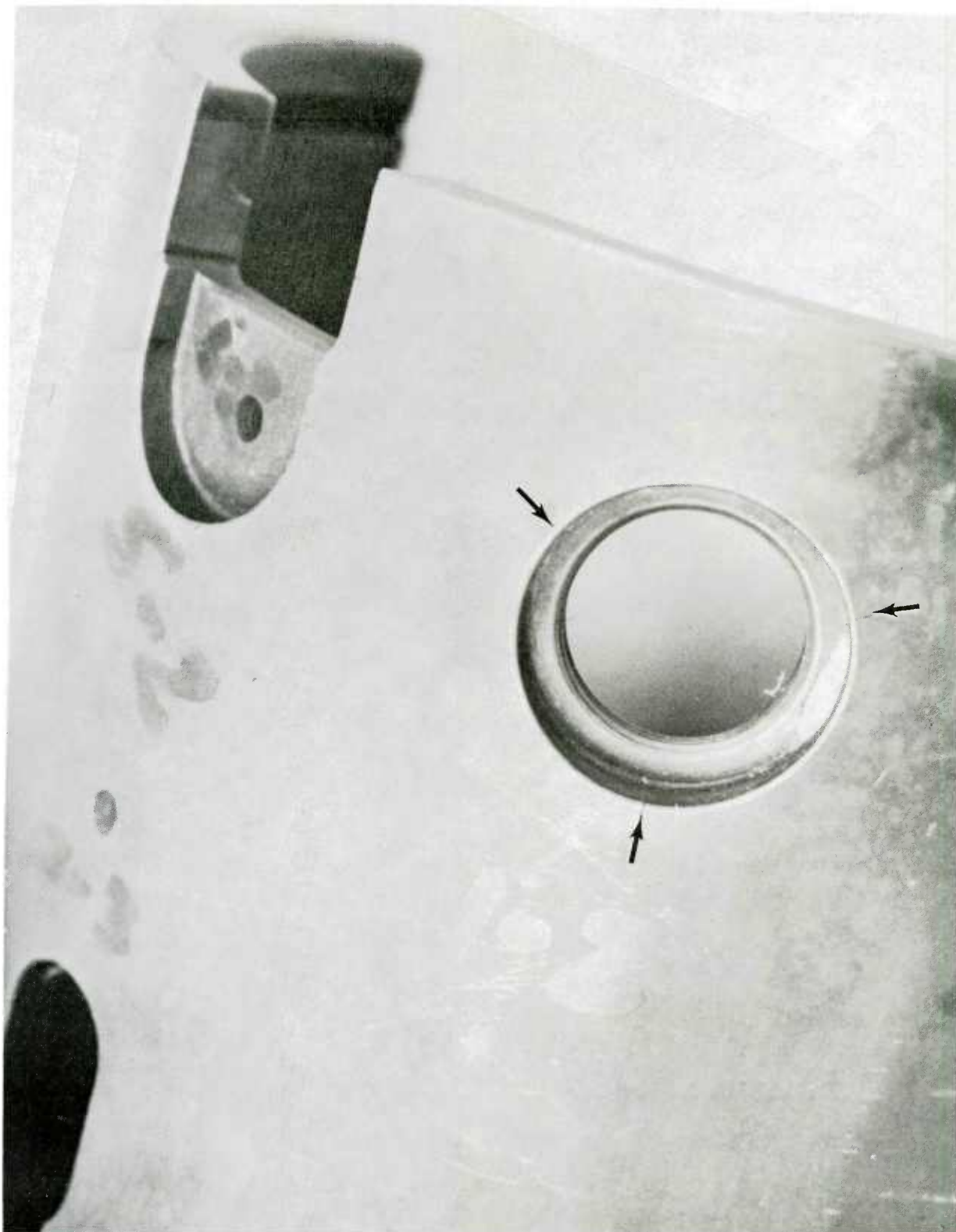


Figure 7. EDM slots in control housing

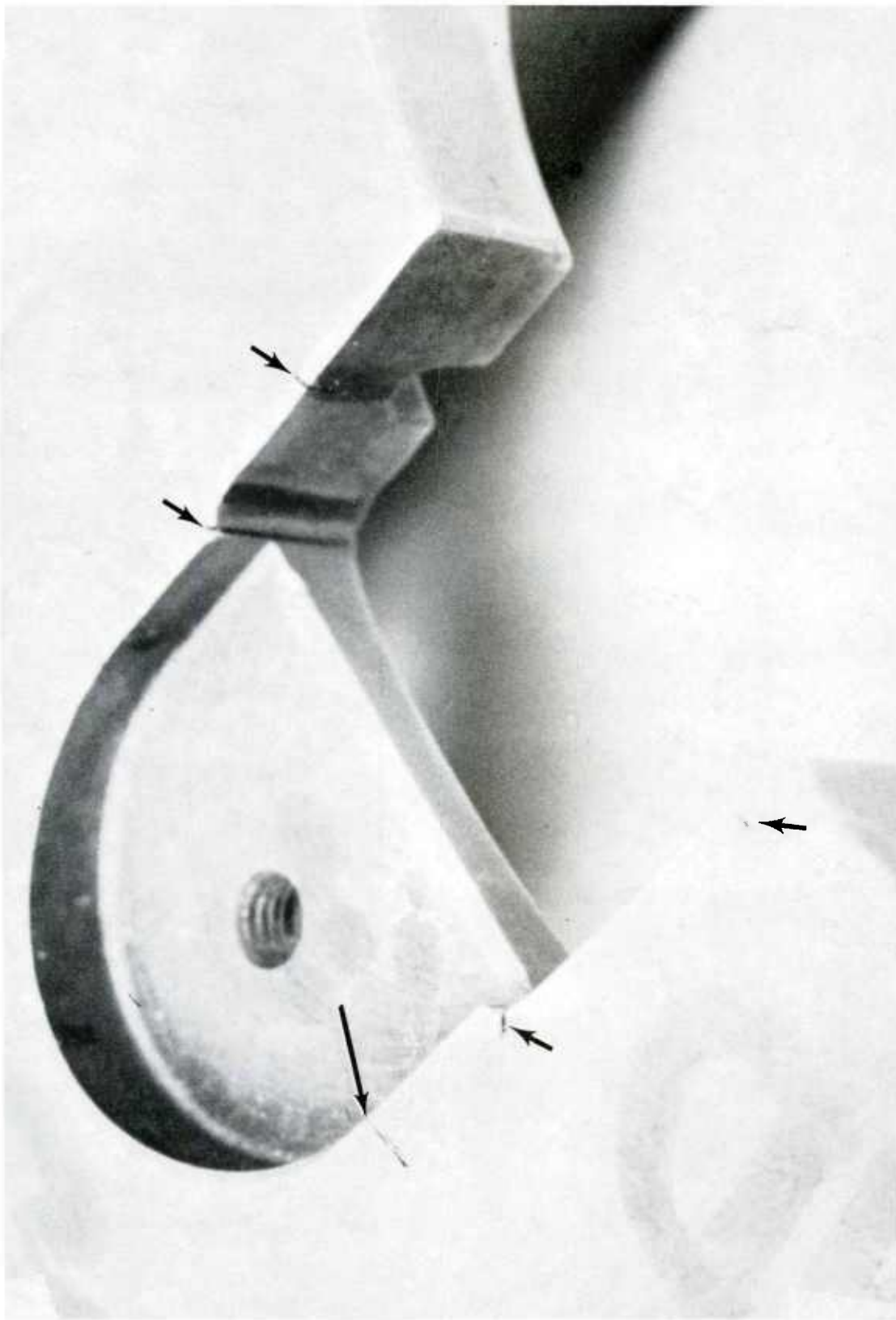
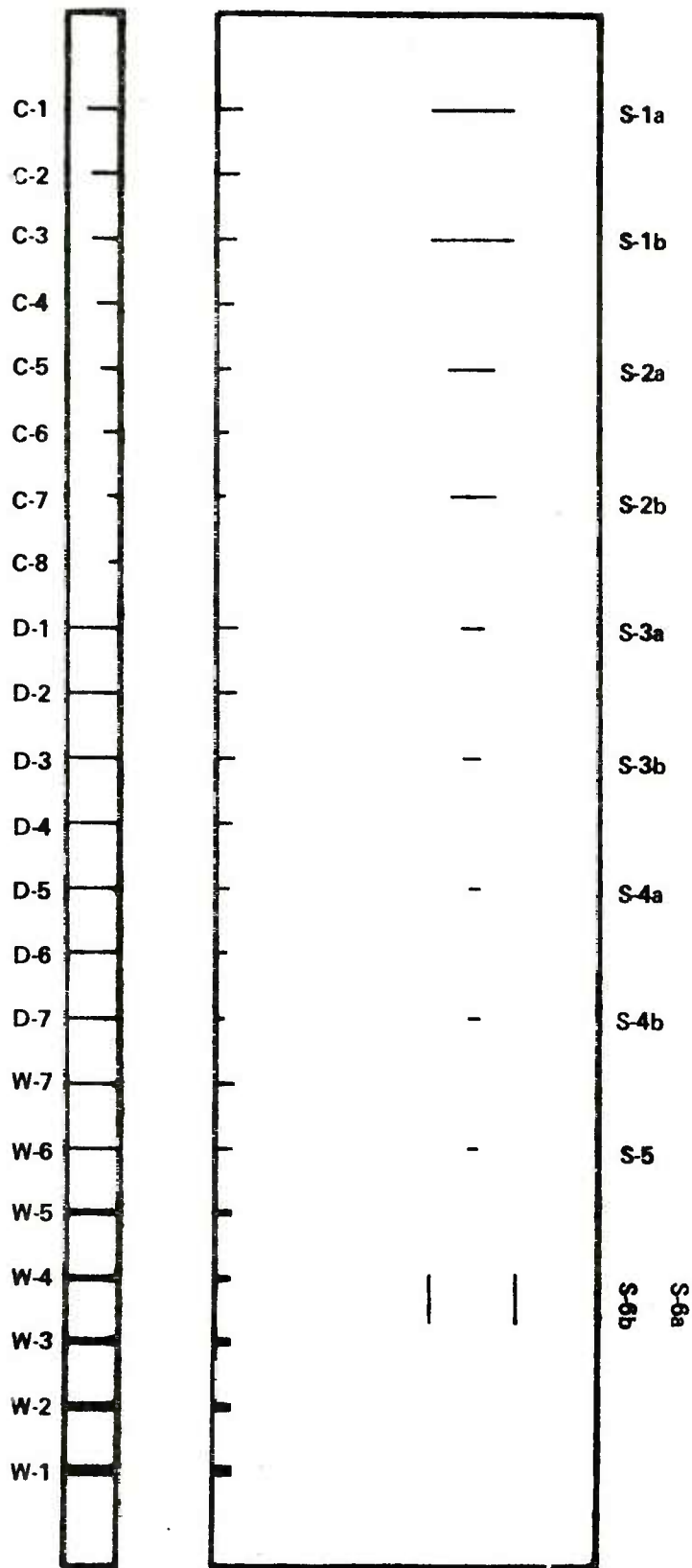


Figure 8. EDM slots in control housing



MAKE FROM 4340 STEEL HEAT TREATED PER COPPERHEAD CONTROL HOUSING PROCESS
 GRIND TWO FACES FLAT AND PARALLEL WITHIN 0.0005 INCH
 GRIND TWO LONG EDGES FLAT AND PARALLEL WITHIN 0.0005 INCH
 EDGE-TO-FACE ANGLES 90 ± 0.1 DEG
 DO NOT BREAK SHARP CORNERS
 GRIND FINISH BETTER THAN 32 RMS
 MAINTAIN HEAT TREAT CONDITION THROUGH GRINDING

Figure 9. Ideal test specimen

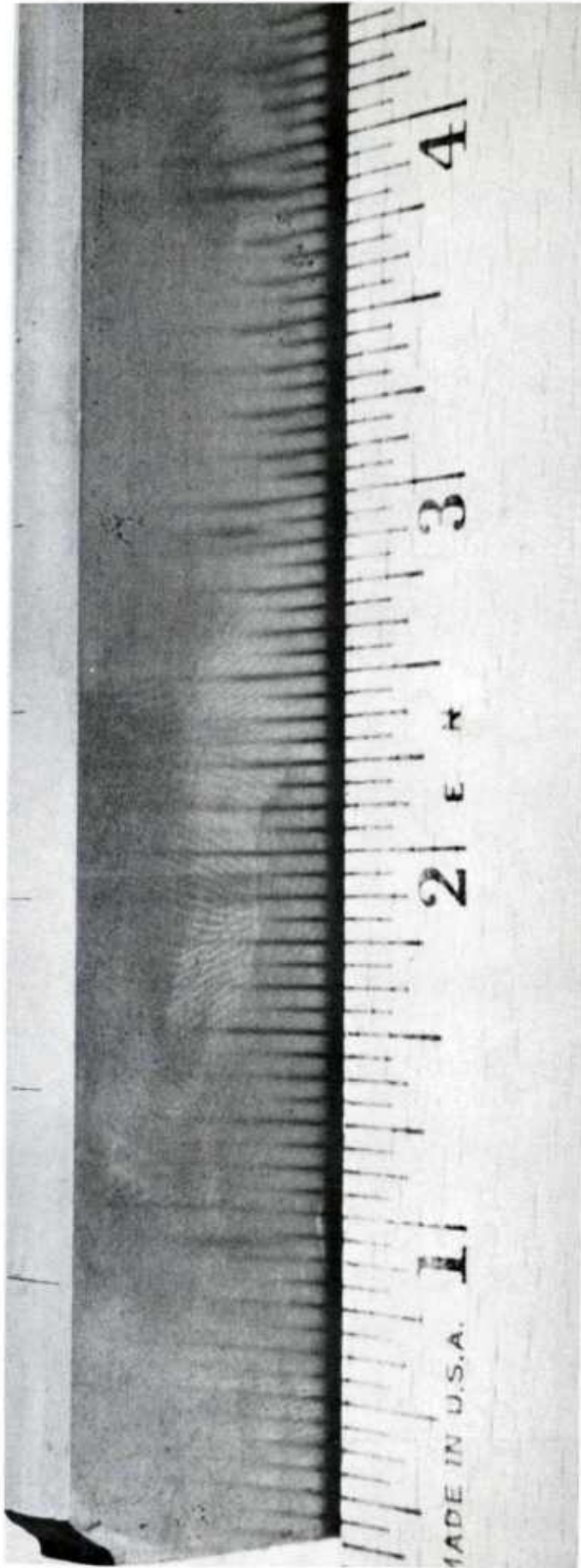


Figure 10. Corner slots

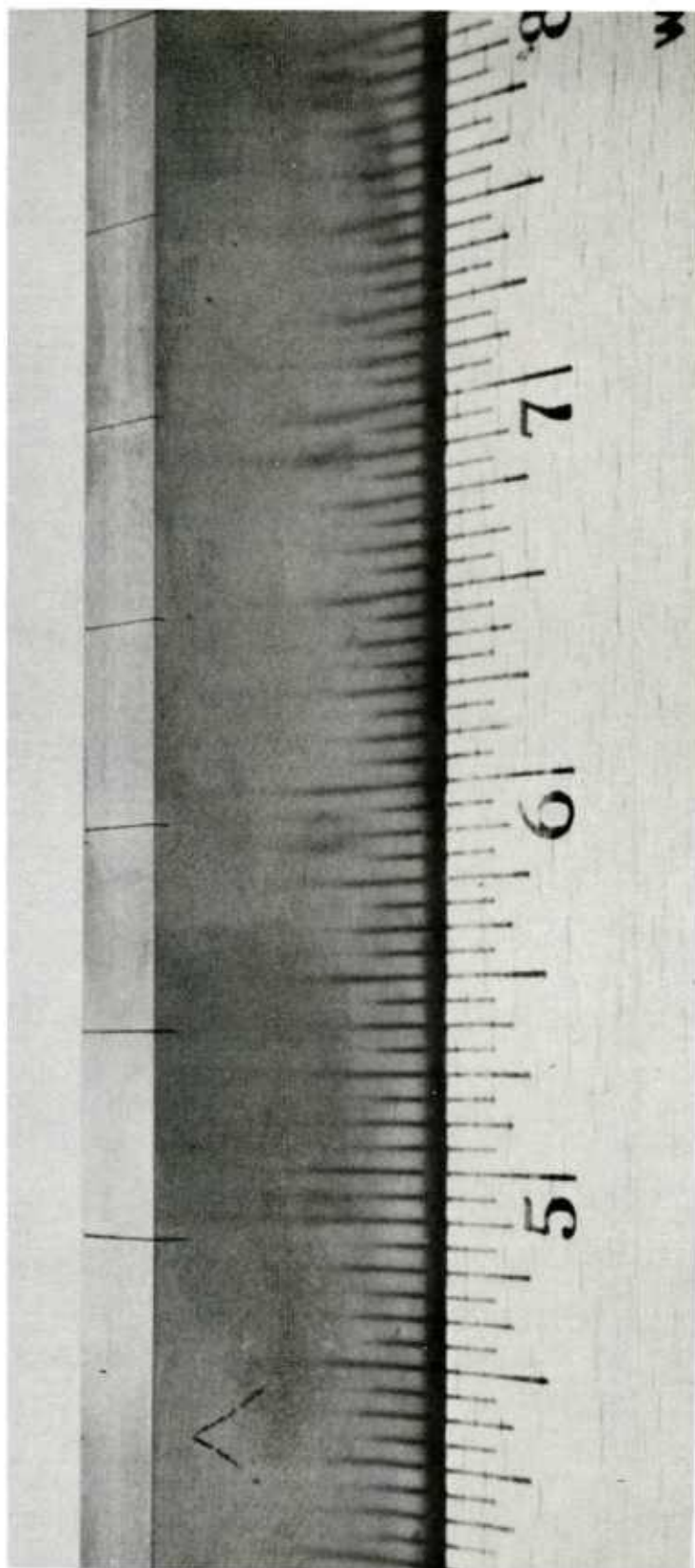


Figure 11. Edge slots

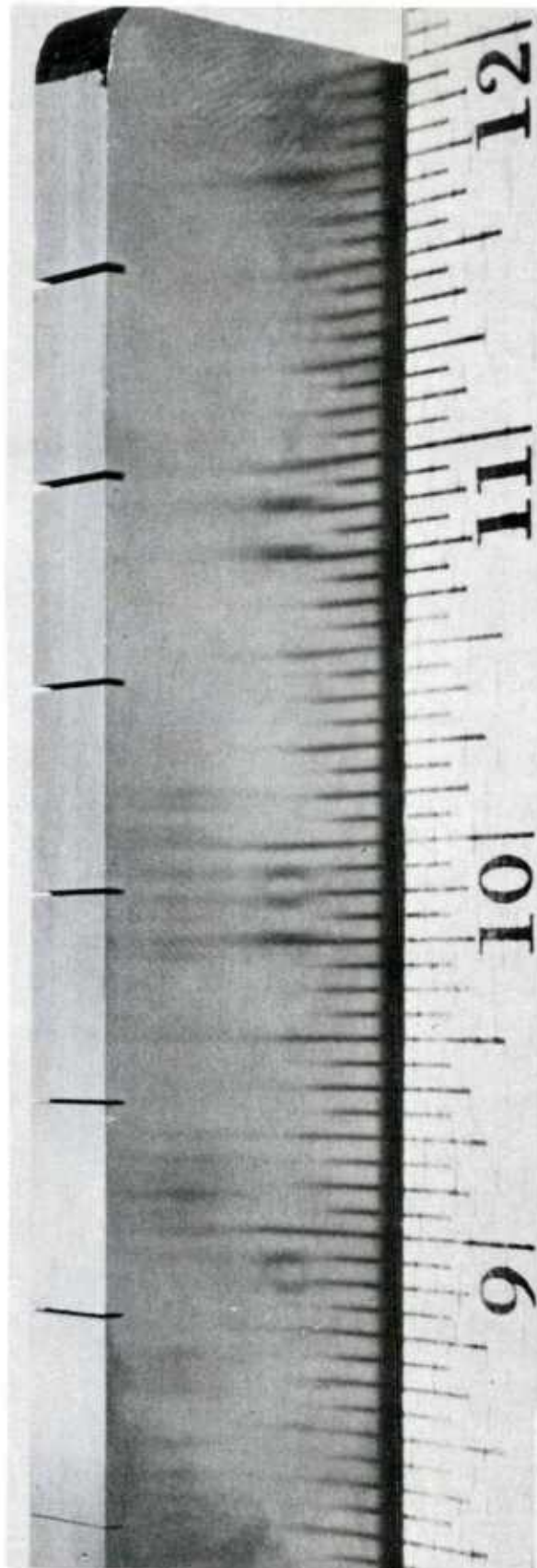


Figure 12. Varying width slots

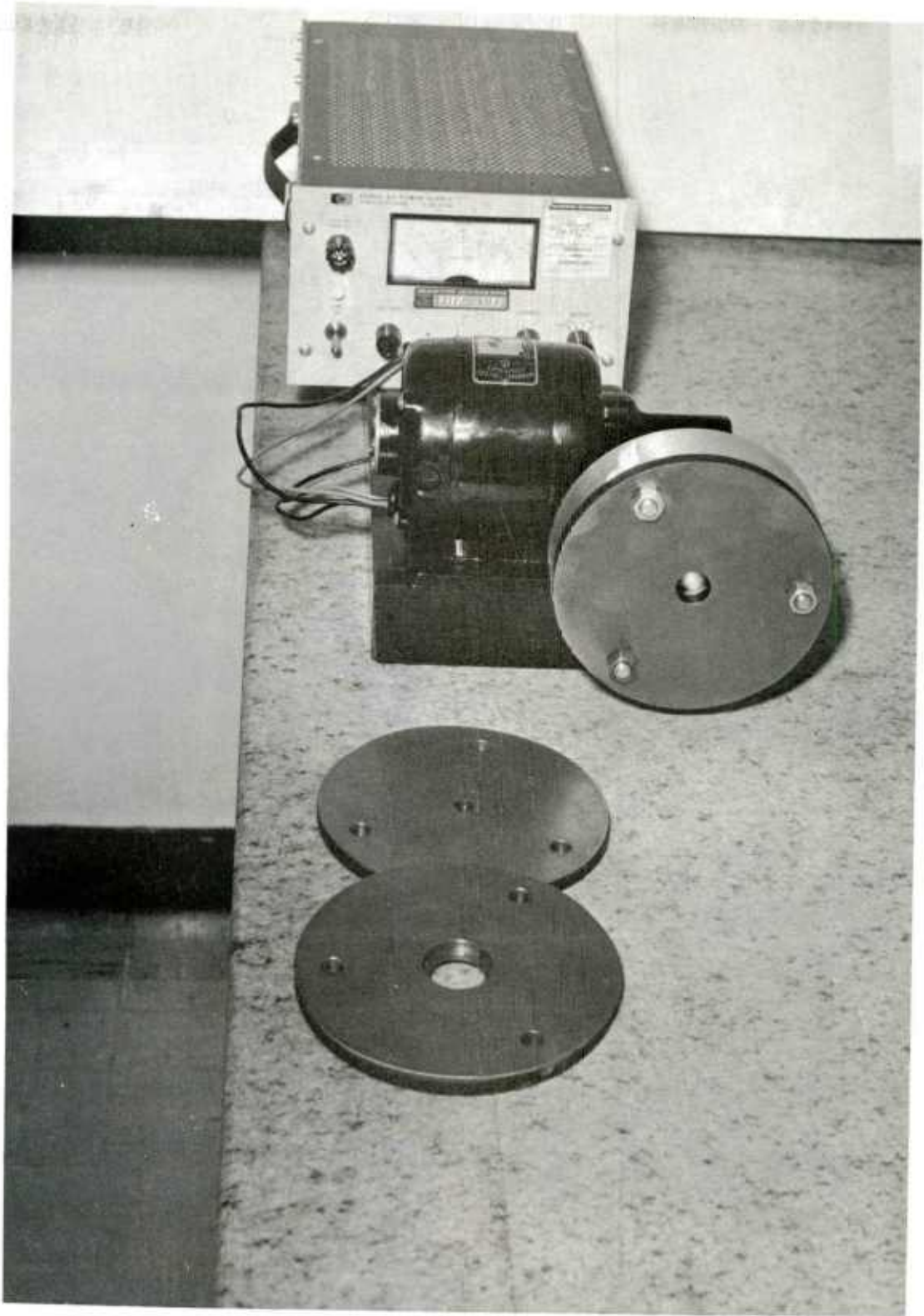


Figure 13. Hole test setup

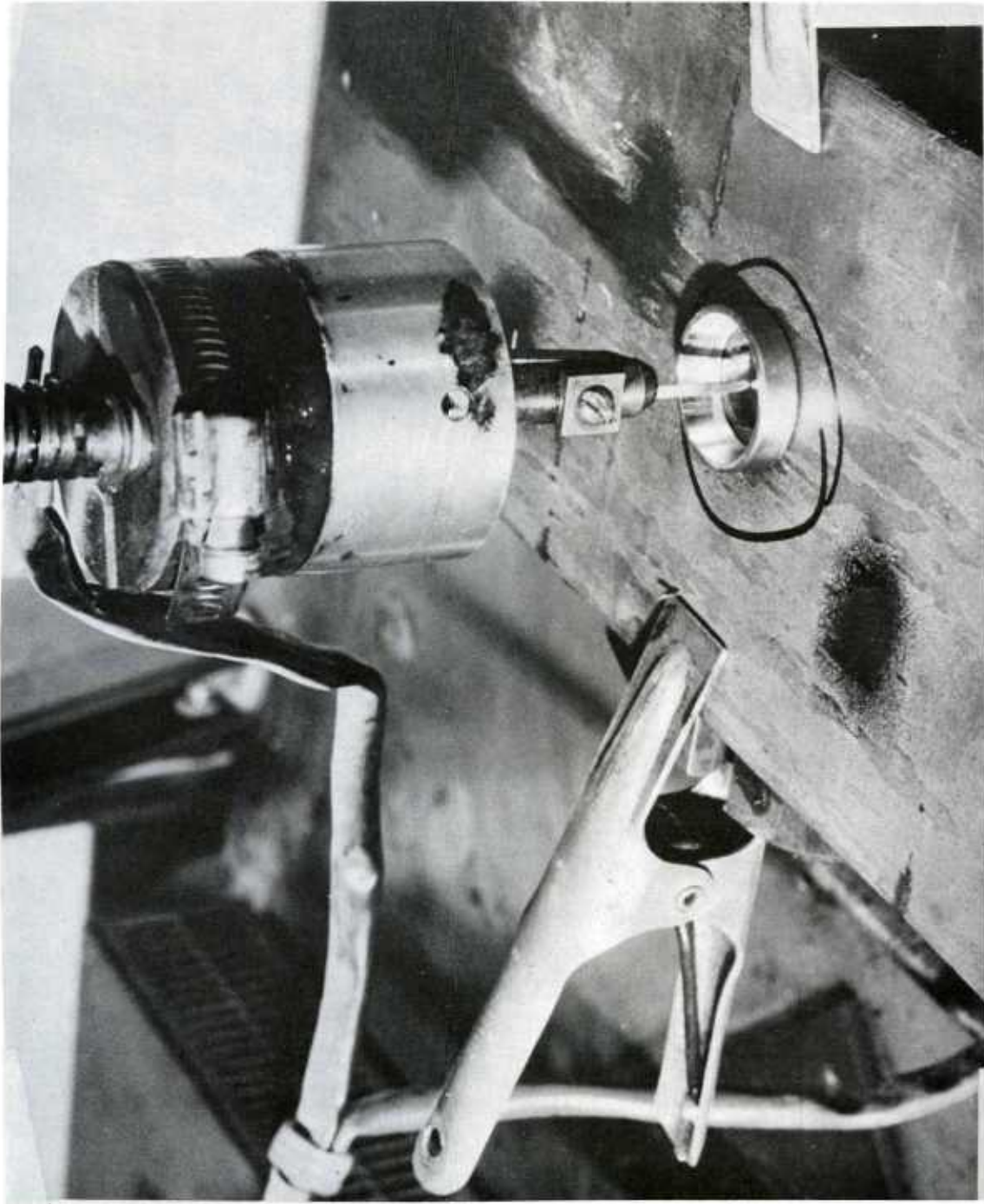


Figure 14. EDM generation of starter notch

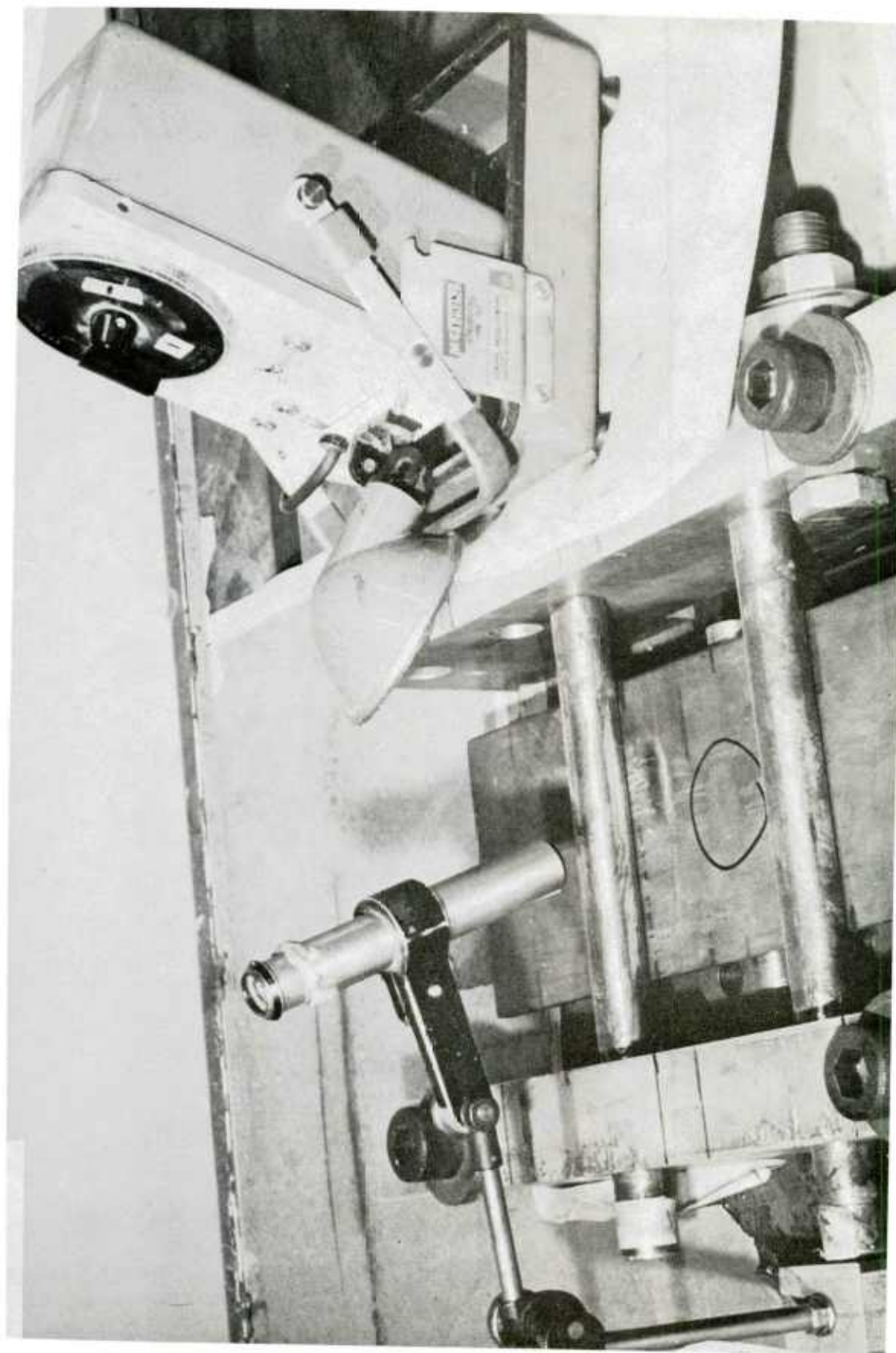


Figure 15. Fatigue crack growth setup

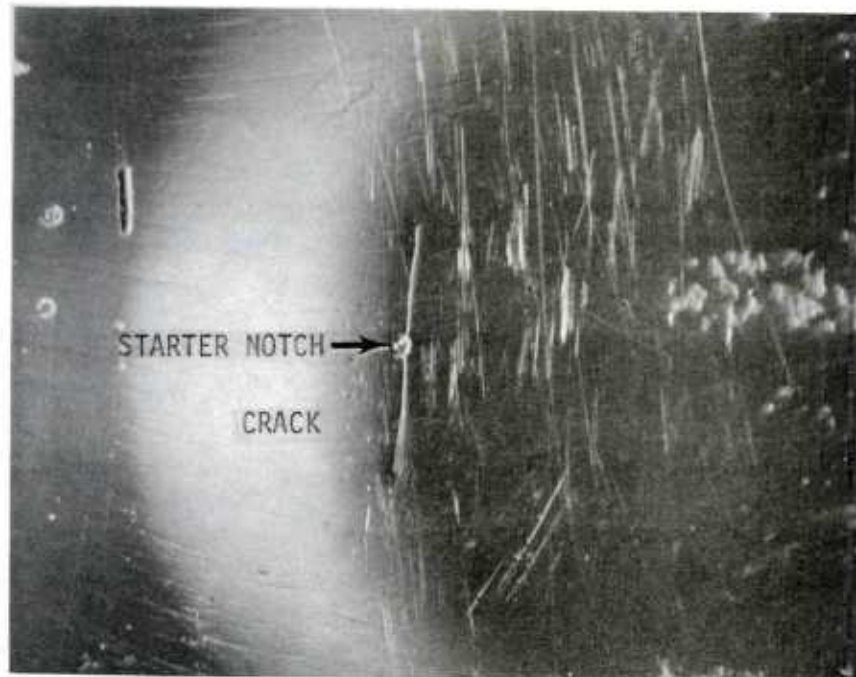


Figure 16. Starter notch and fatigue crack



Figure 17. Fatigue crack A

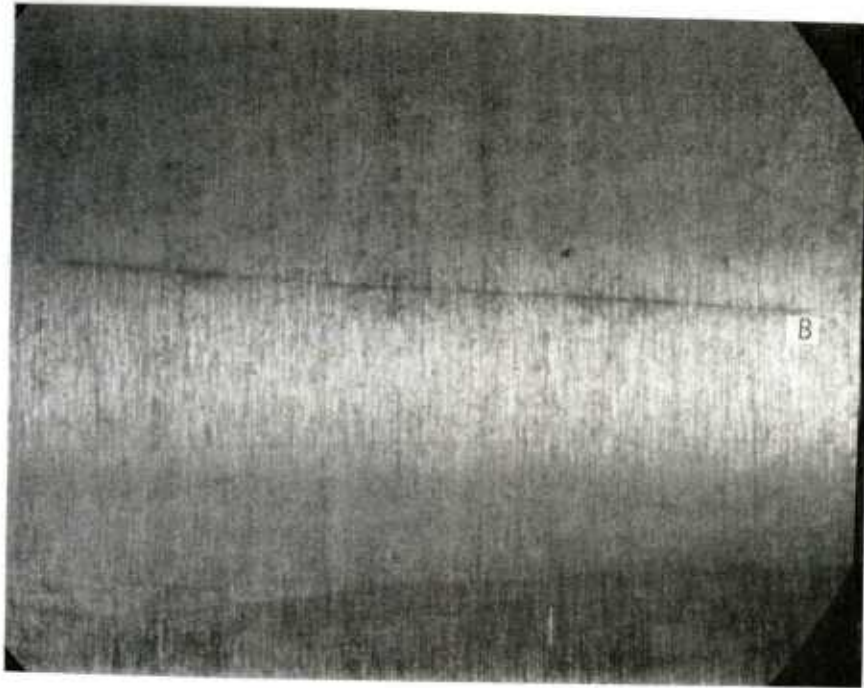


Figure 18. Fatigue crack B

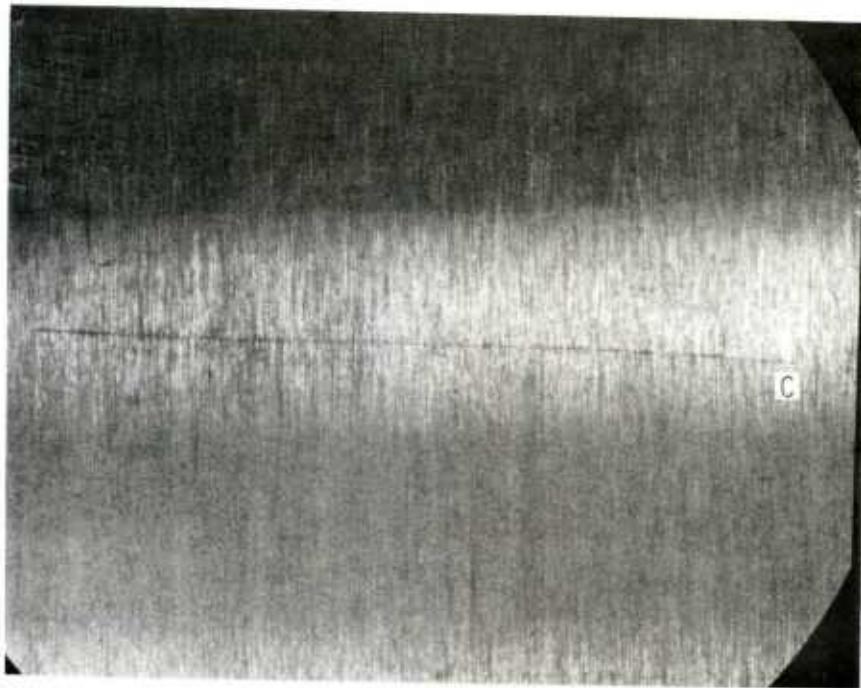


Figure 19. Fatigue crack C

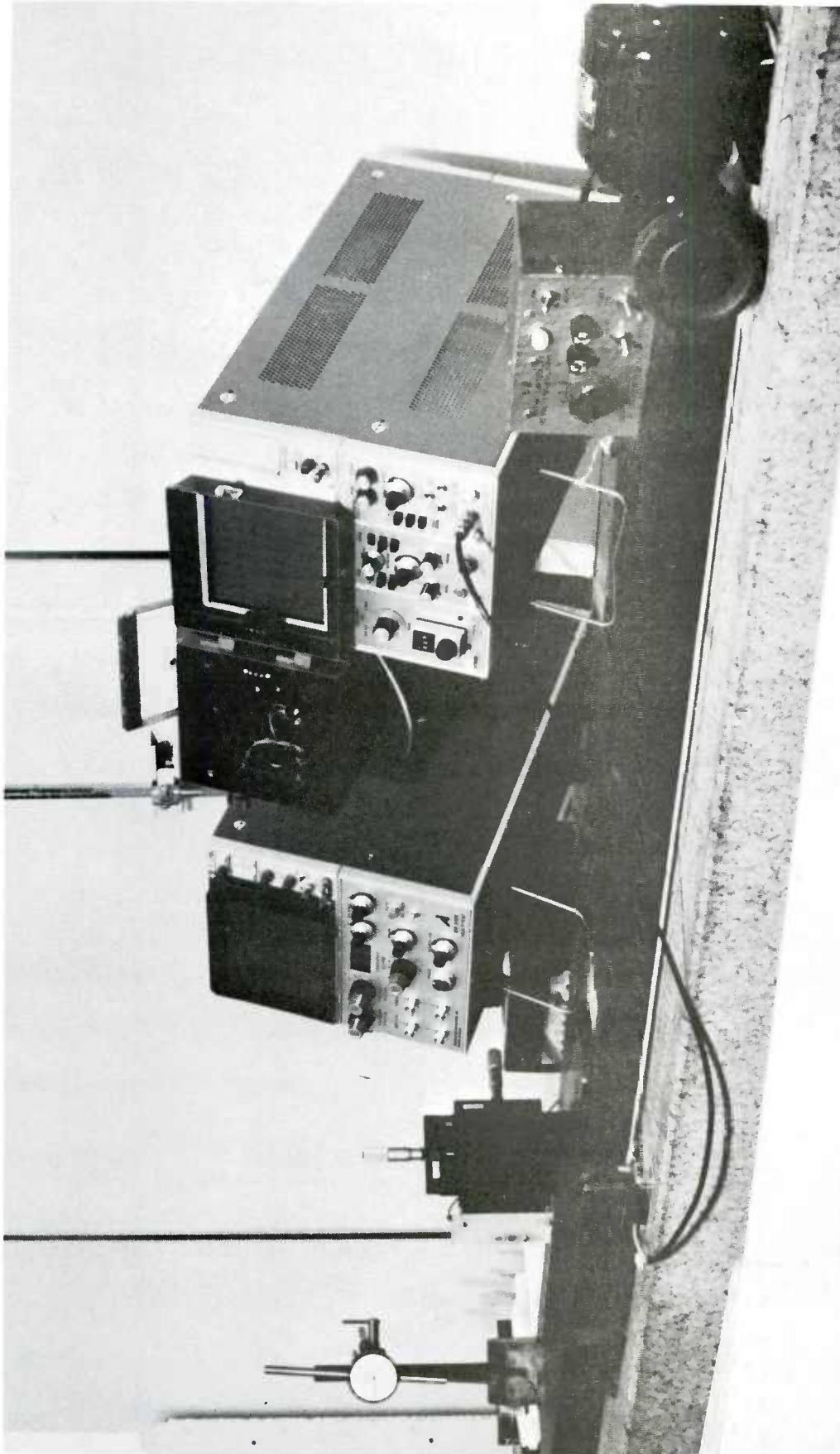


Figure 20. Overall setup of test equipment

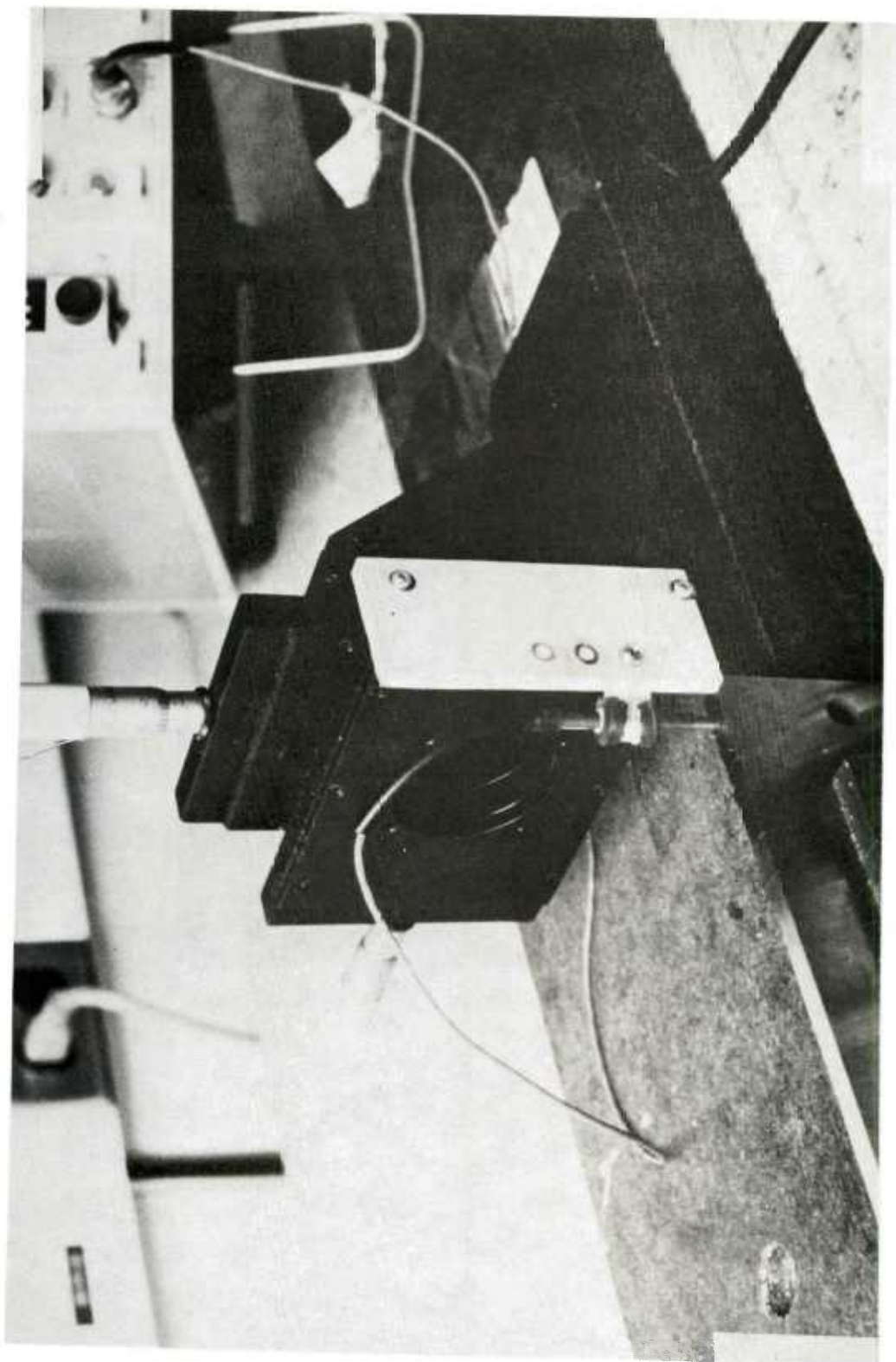


Figure 21. Micrometer stage probe holder

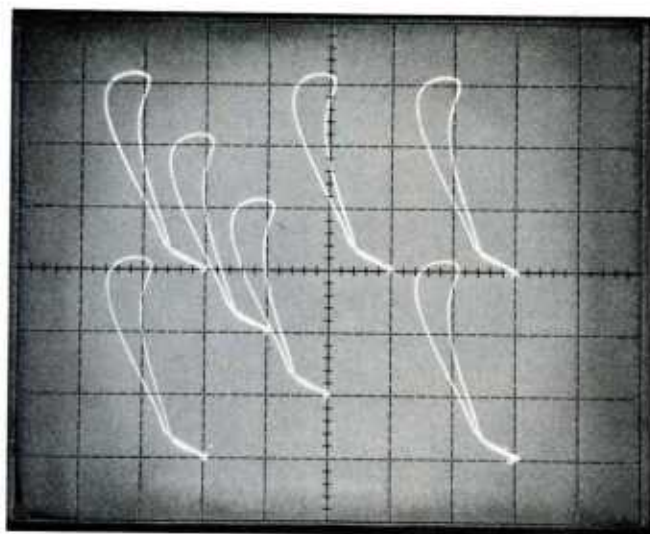


Figure 22. Equipment linearity

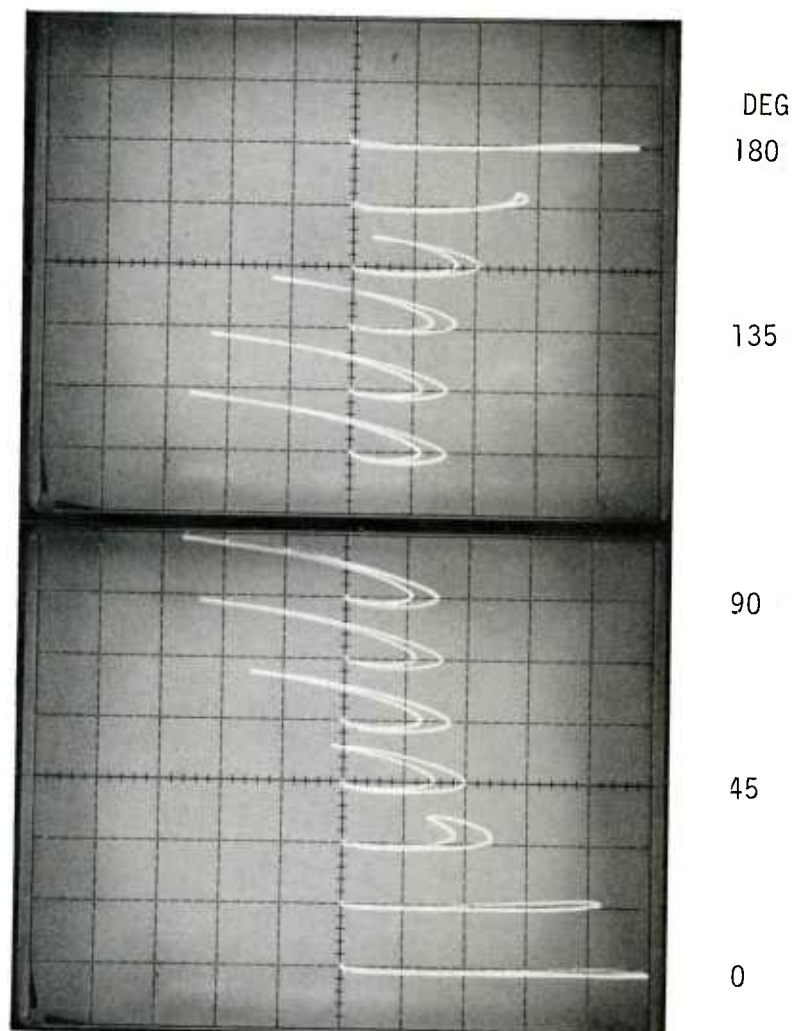
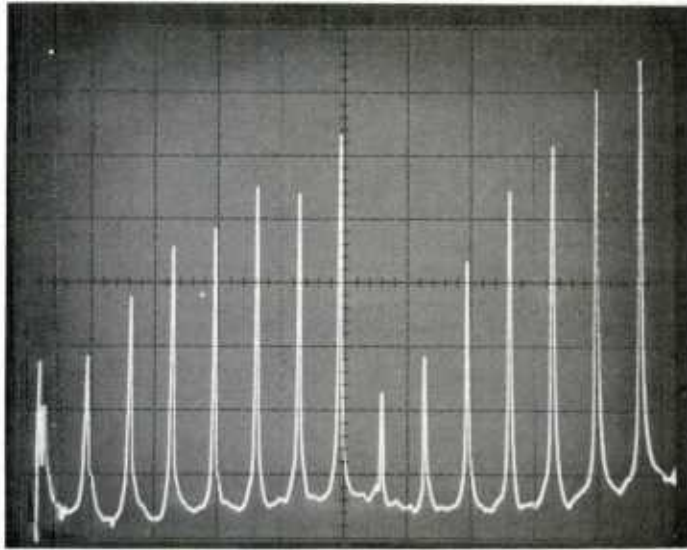
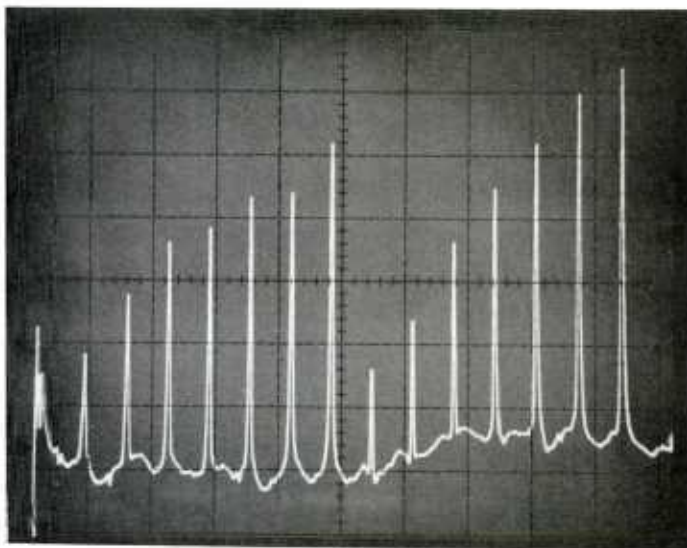


Figure 23. Two-pole probe response



MAGNETIZED



DEMAGNETIZED

Figure 24. Magnetized versus demagnetized material response

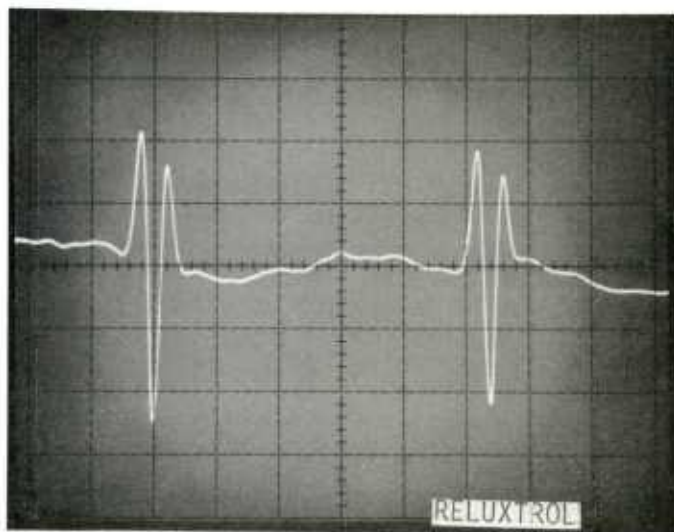
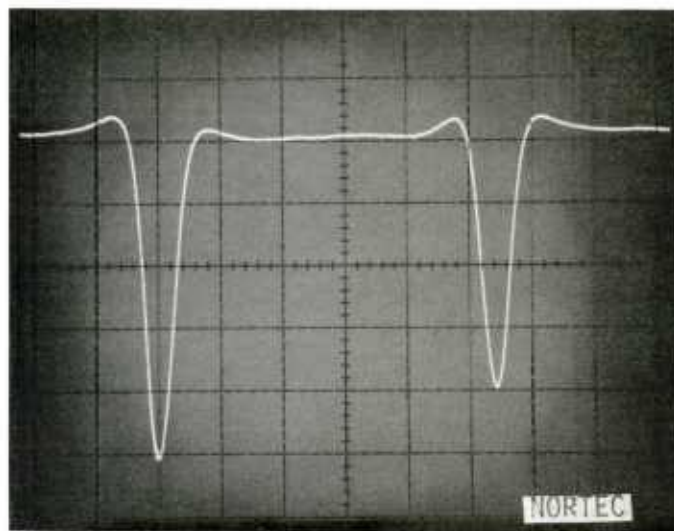


Figure 25. Spatial resolution response

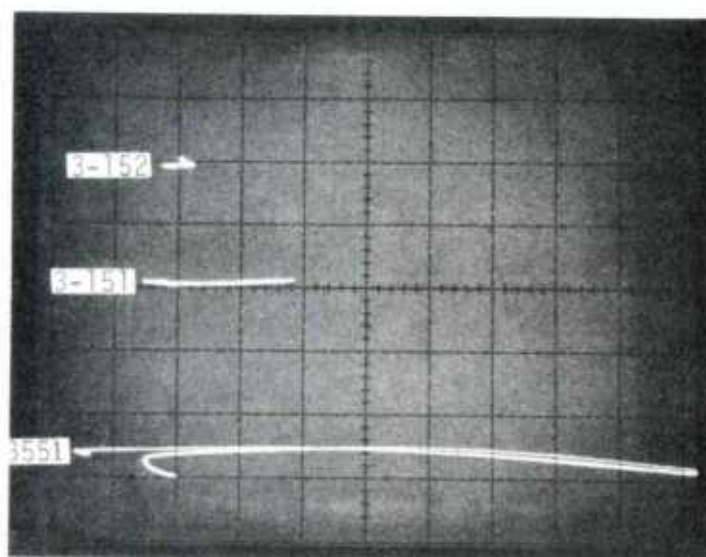


Figure 26. Relative sensitivity of probes

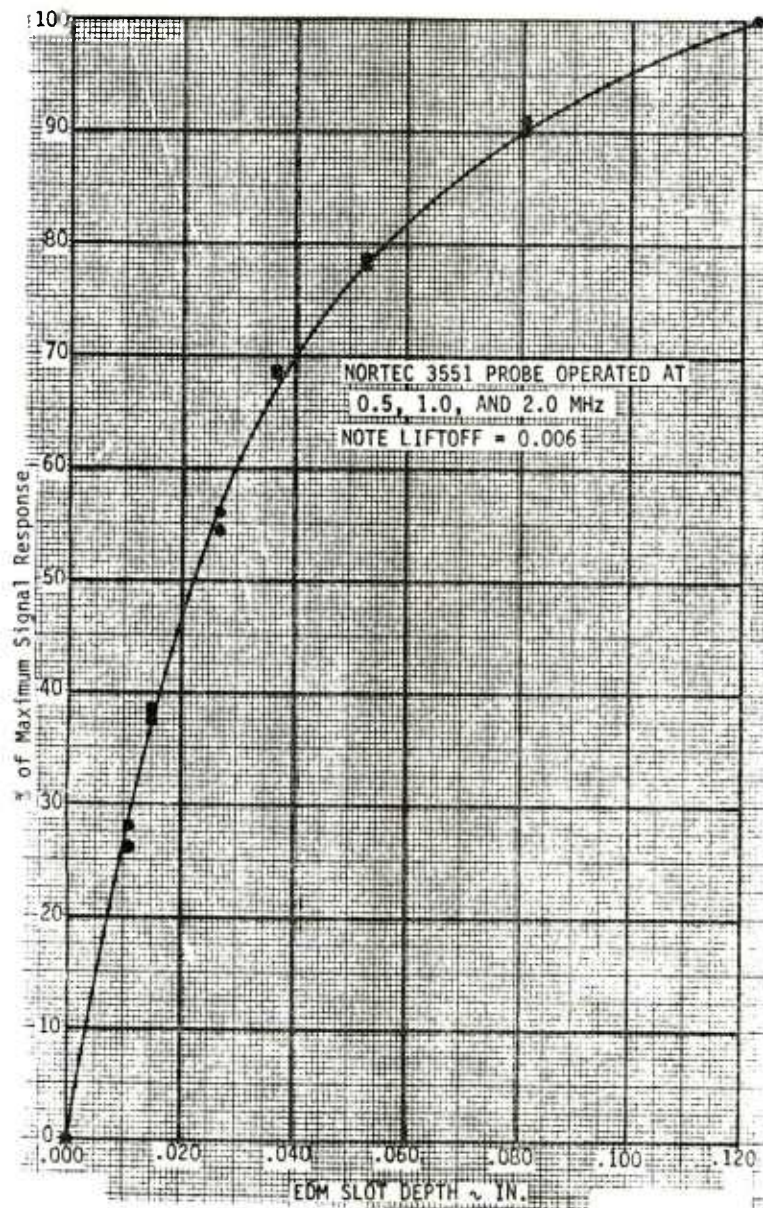


Figure 27. Response to slot depths

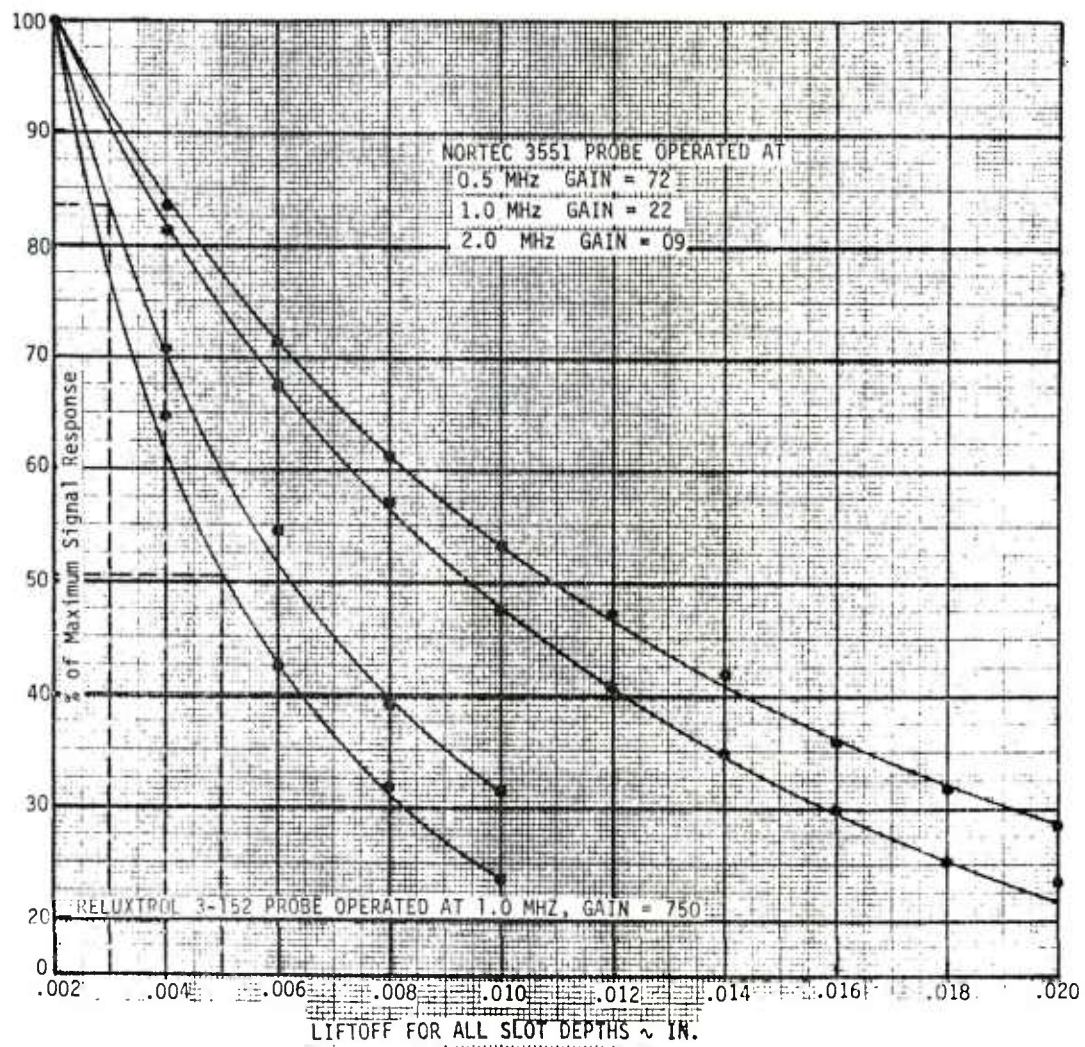
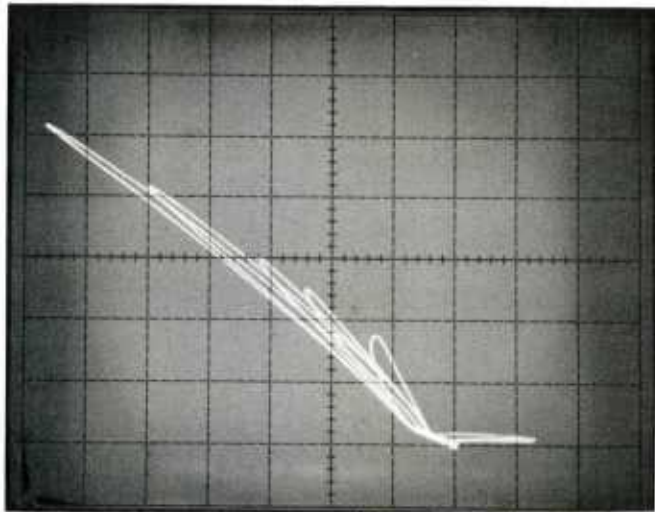
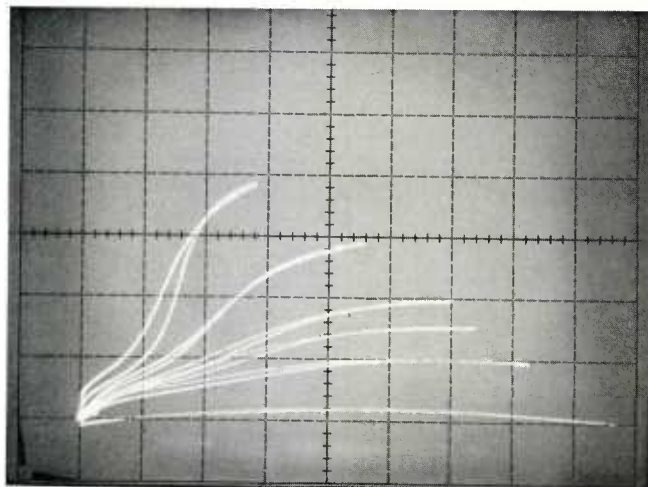


Figure 28. Response to liftoff change



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Figure 29. Response to slot widths

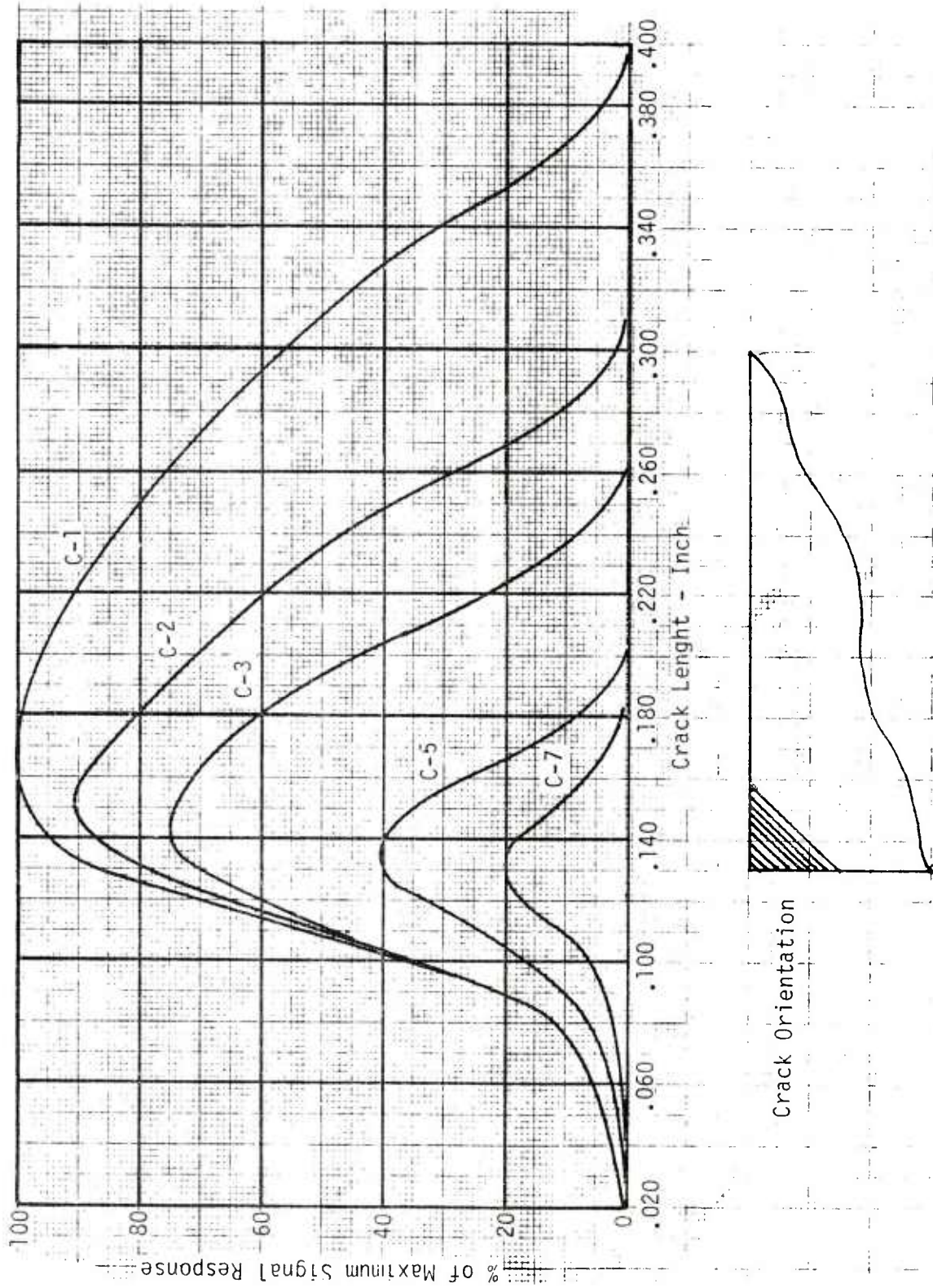


Figure 30. Response to corner slots and edges, Nortec

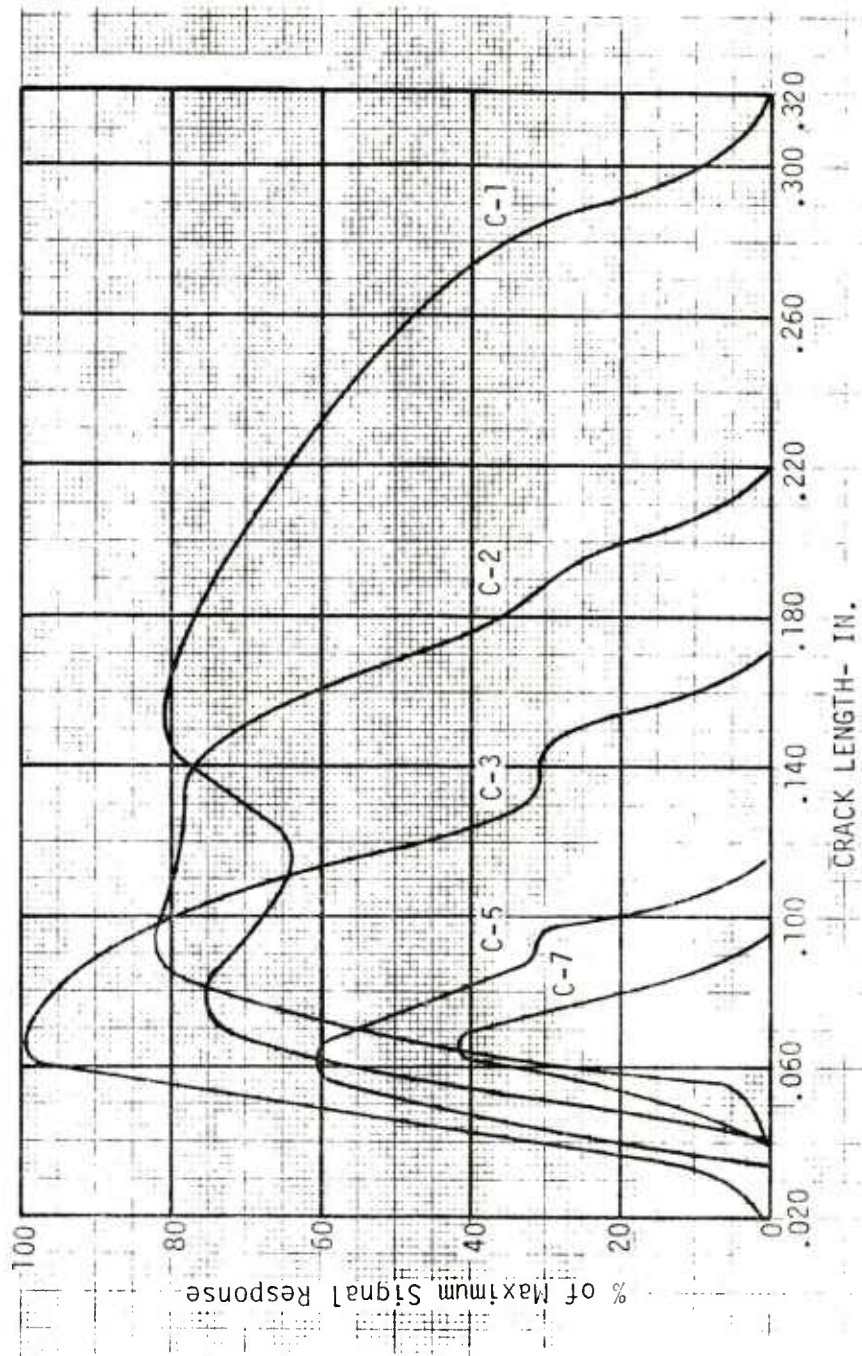
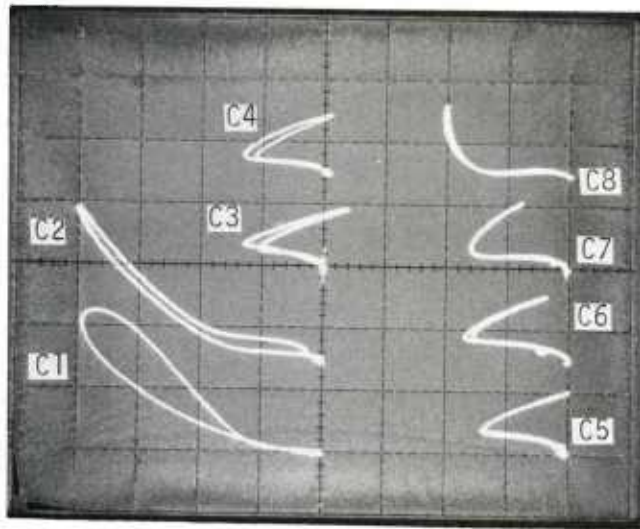
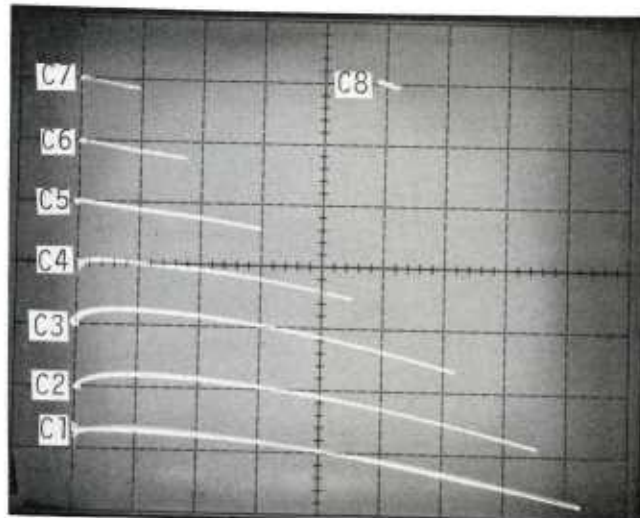


Figure 31. Response to corner slots and edges, Reluxtrol



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Figure 32. Phase response to corner slots, Reluxtrol versus Nortec

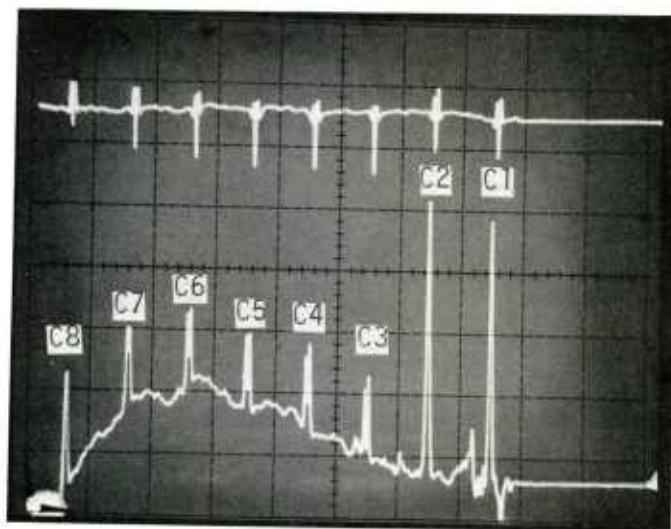


Figure 33. Response to corner slots, phase rotation

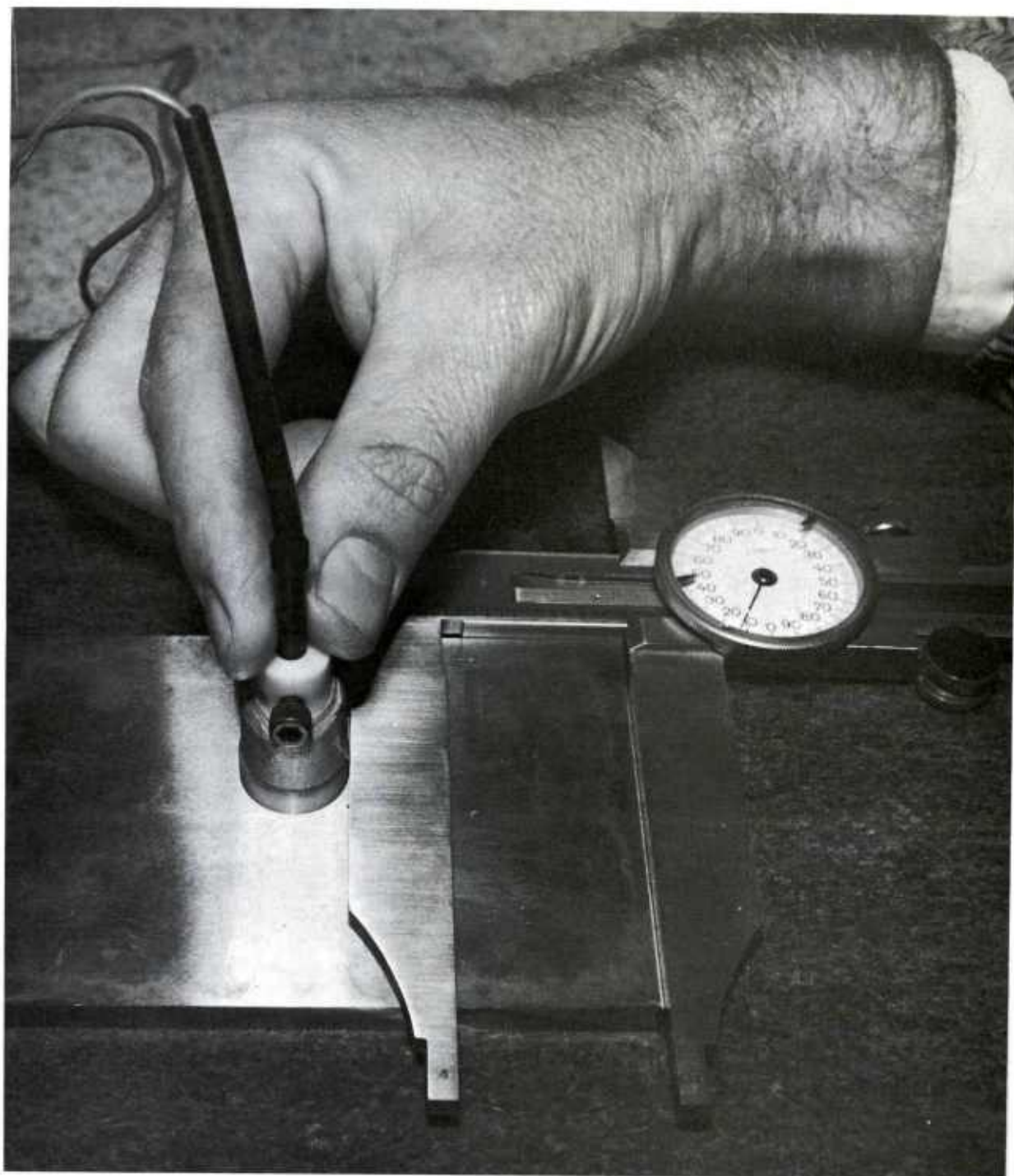


Figure 34. Manual scanning of fatigue cracks

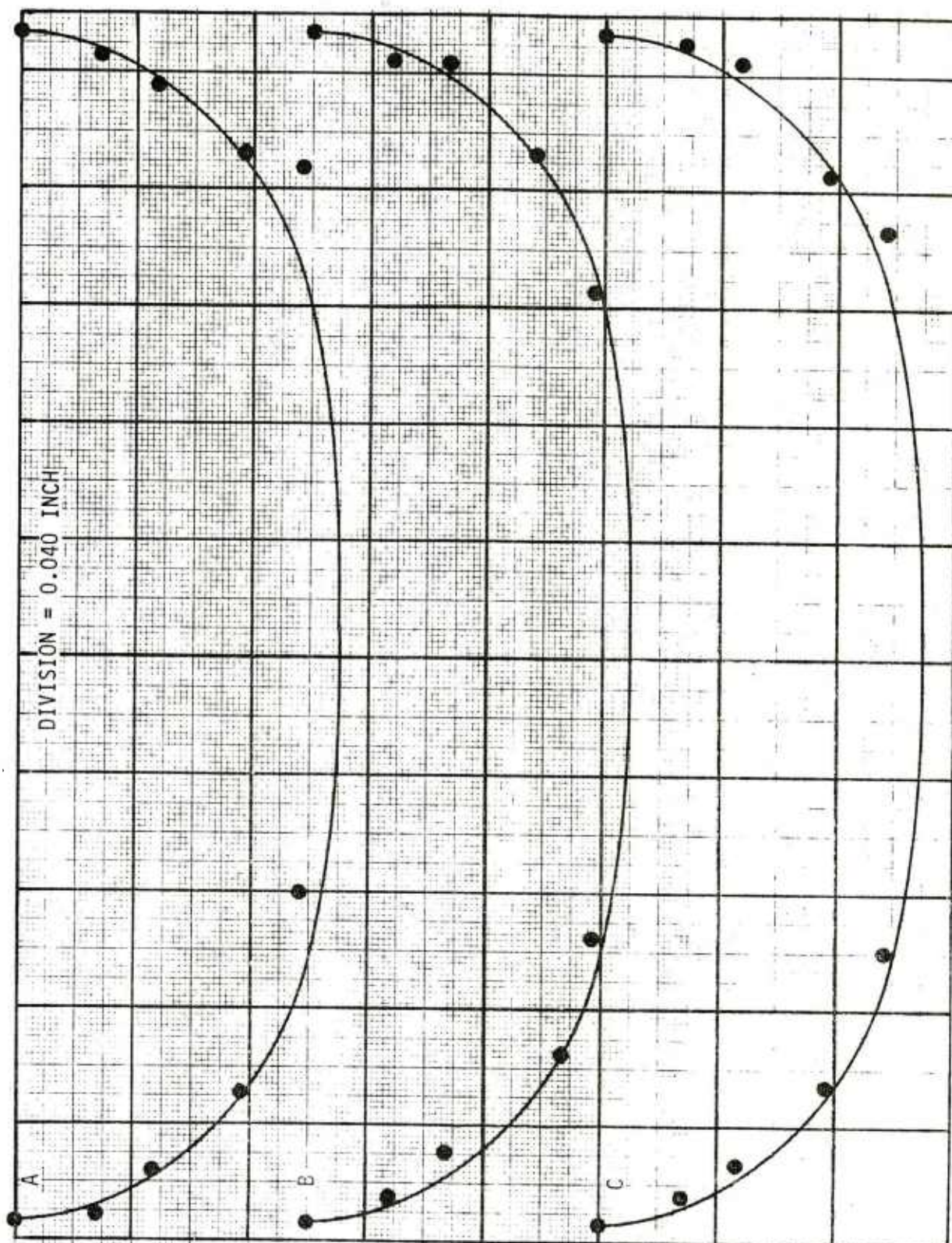


Figure 35. Dimensional profiles of A, B, and C

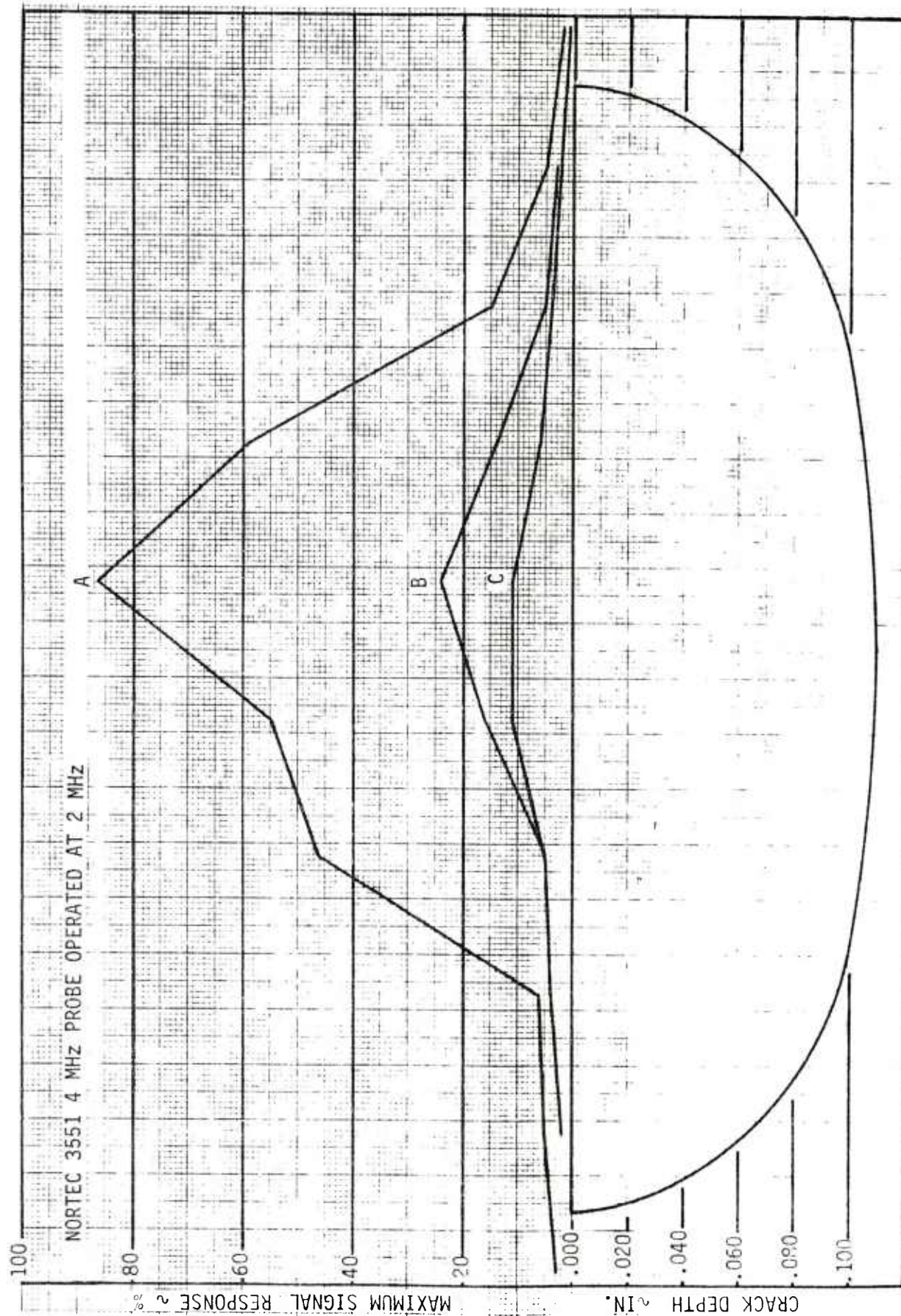


Figure 36. Profile of A, B, and C at 0.110-in. depth

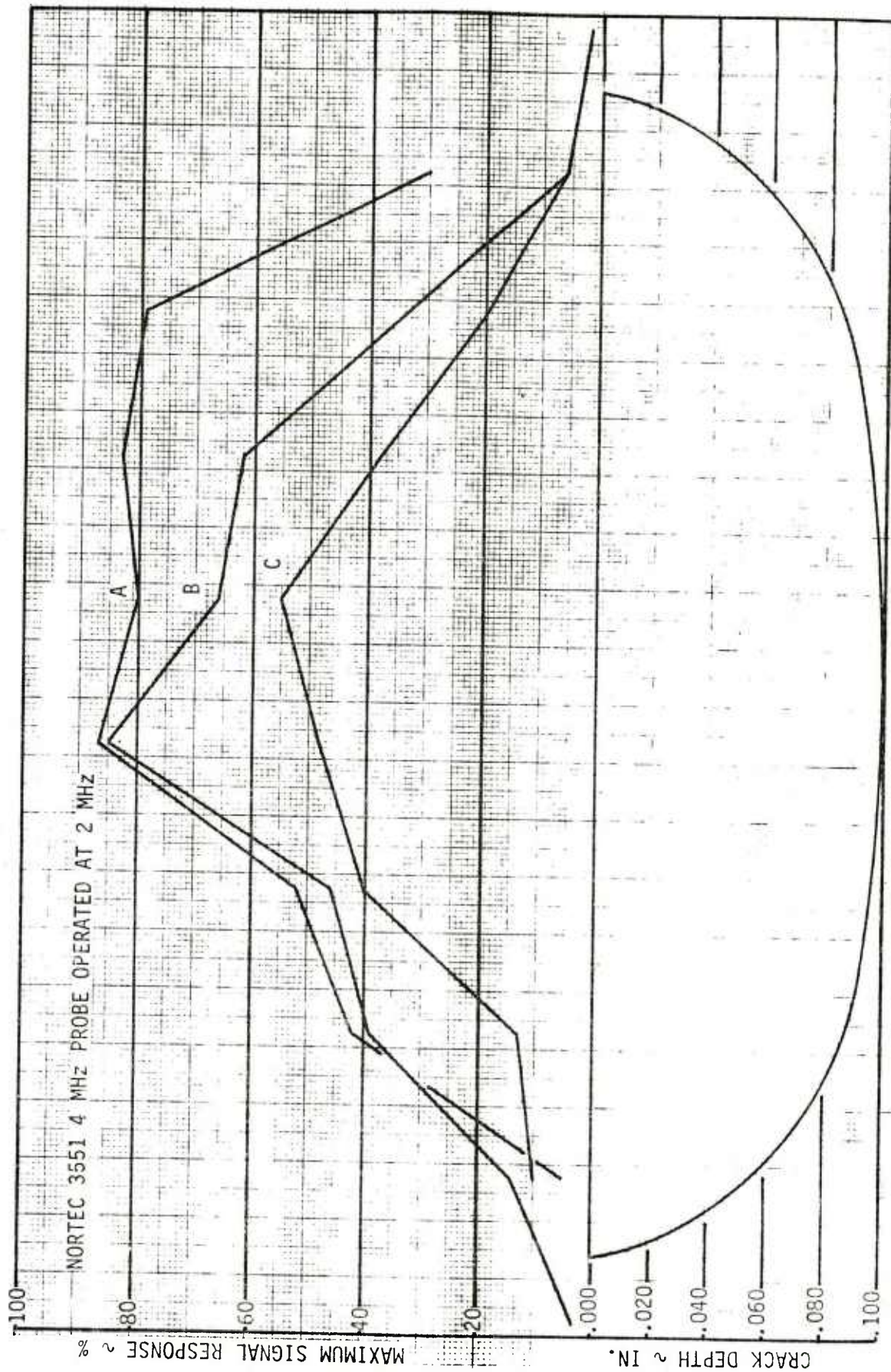


Figure 37. Profile of A, B, and C at 0.100-in. depth

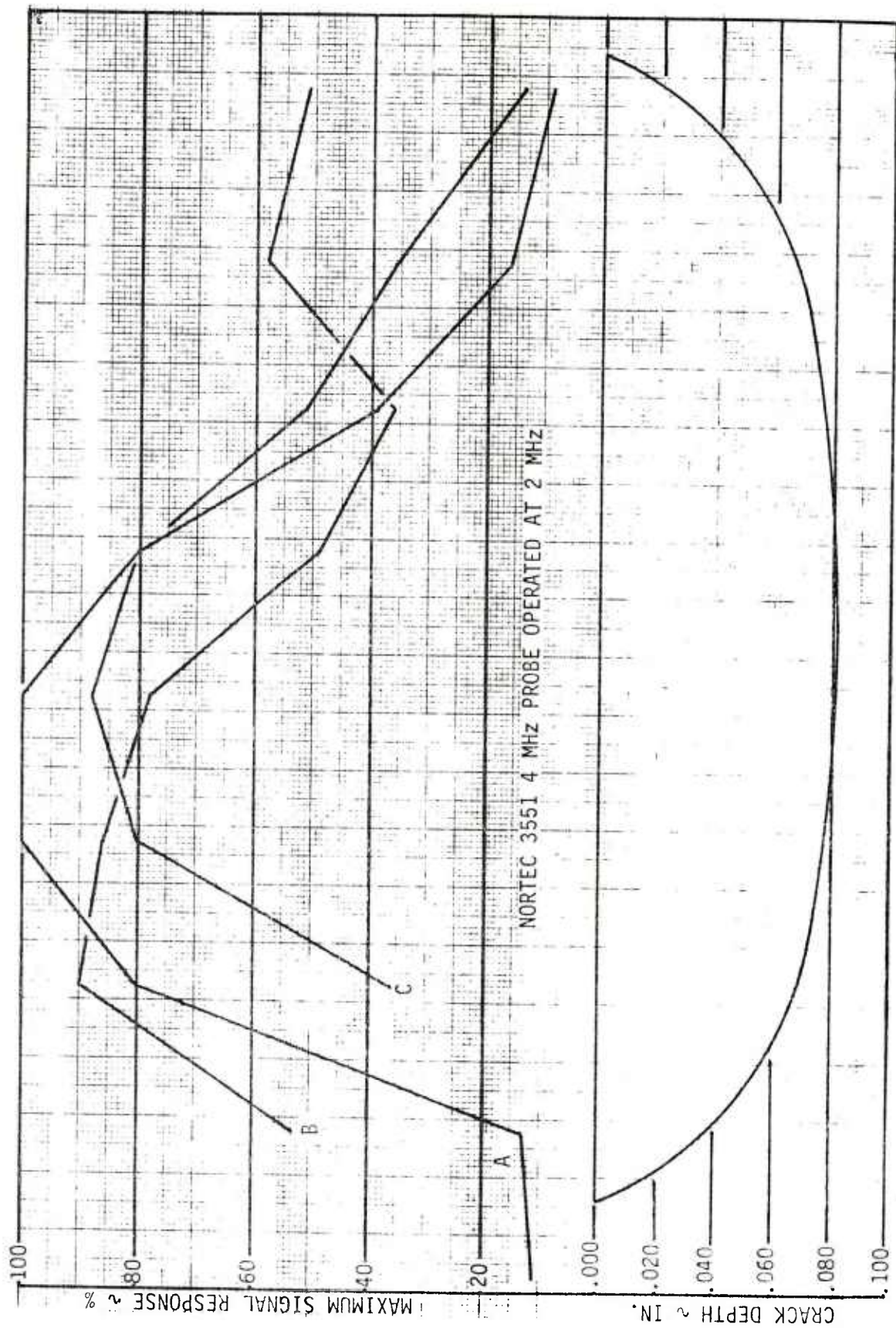


Figure 38. Profile of A, B, and C at 0.082-in. depth

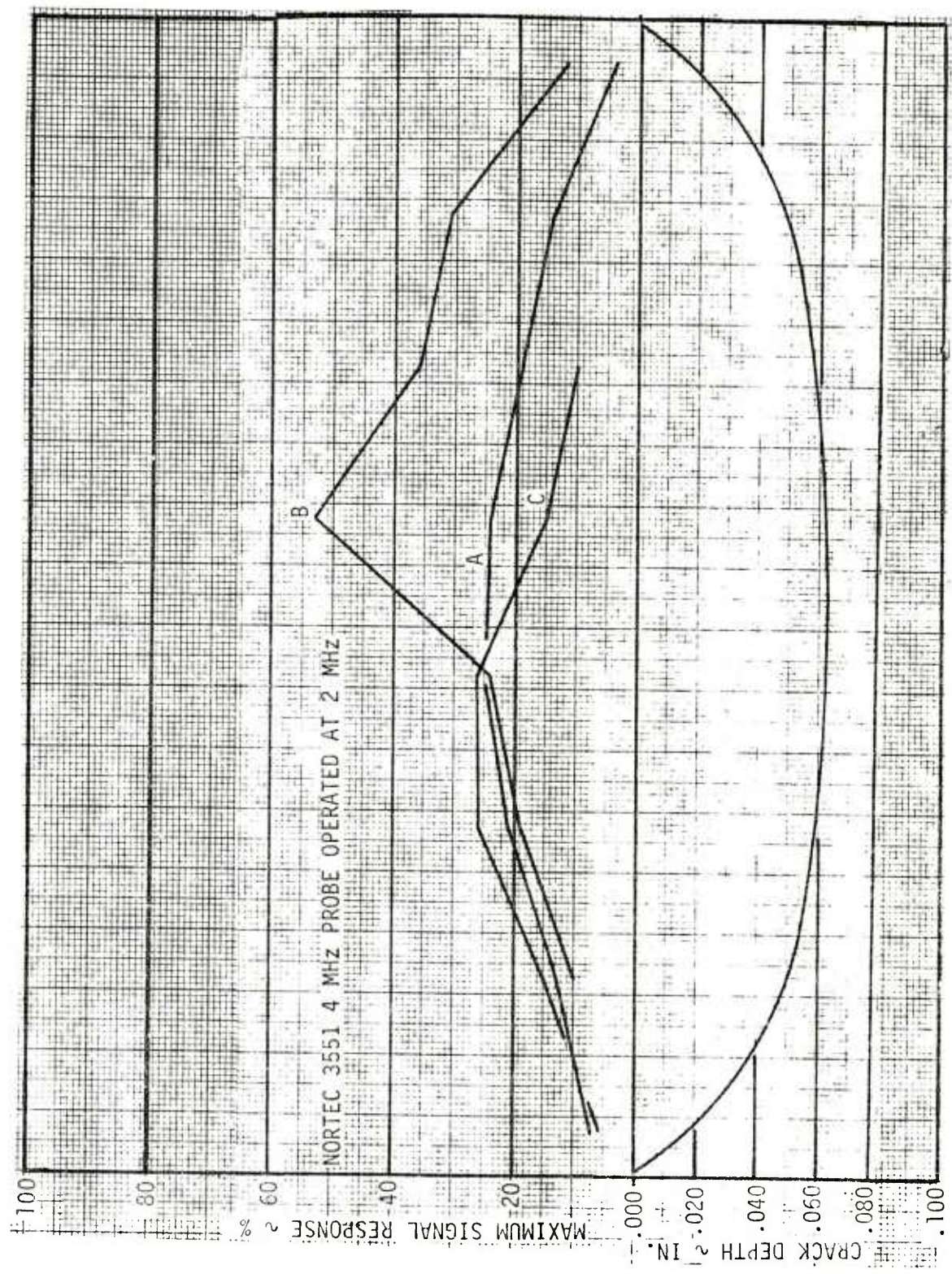


Figure 39. Profile of A, B, and C at 0.063-in. depth

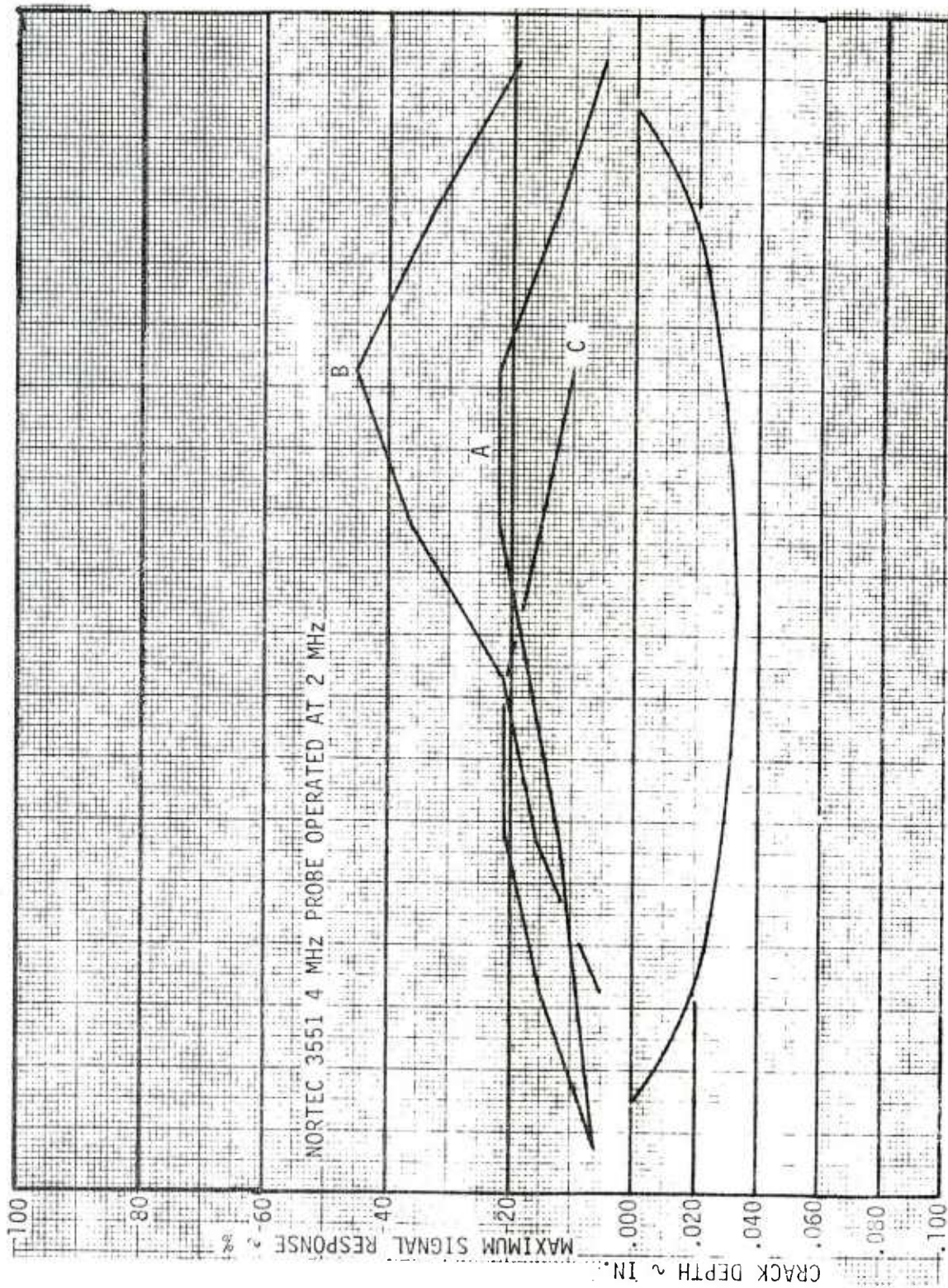


Figure 40. Profile of A, B, and C at 0.033-in. depth

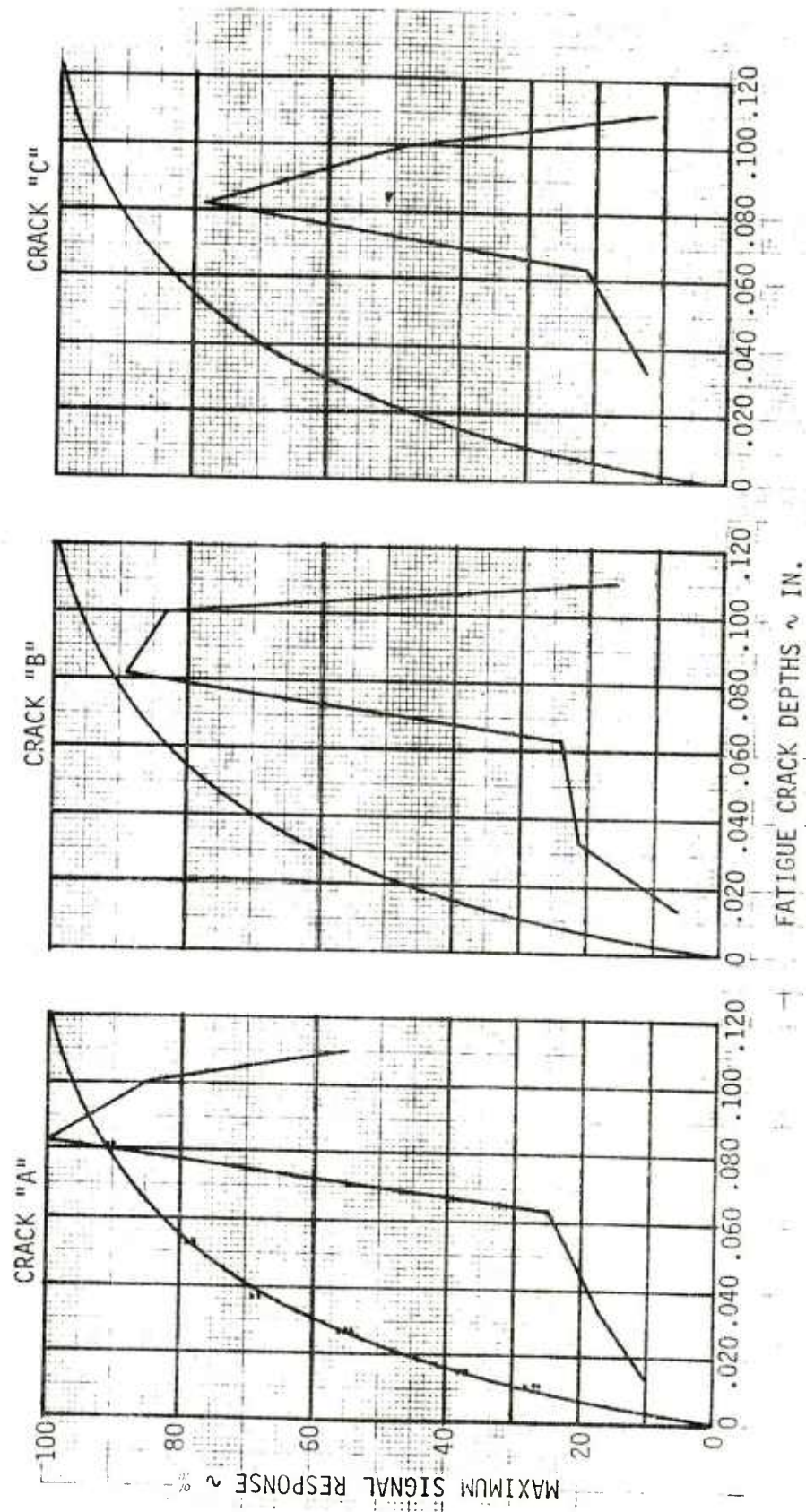


Figure 41. Eddy current response, original centerlines of A, B, and C

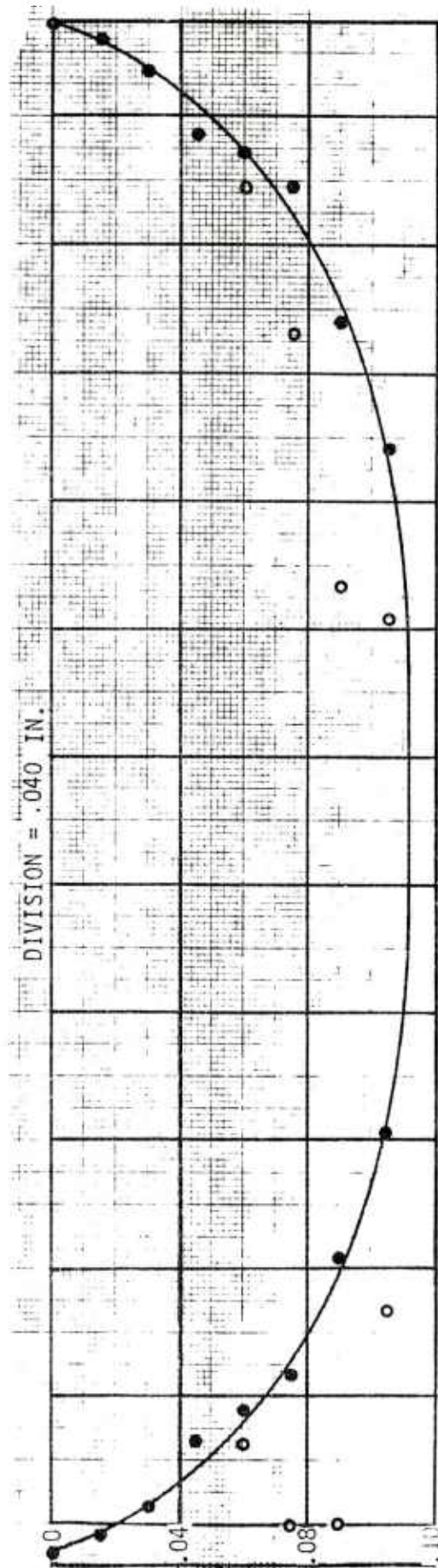


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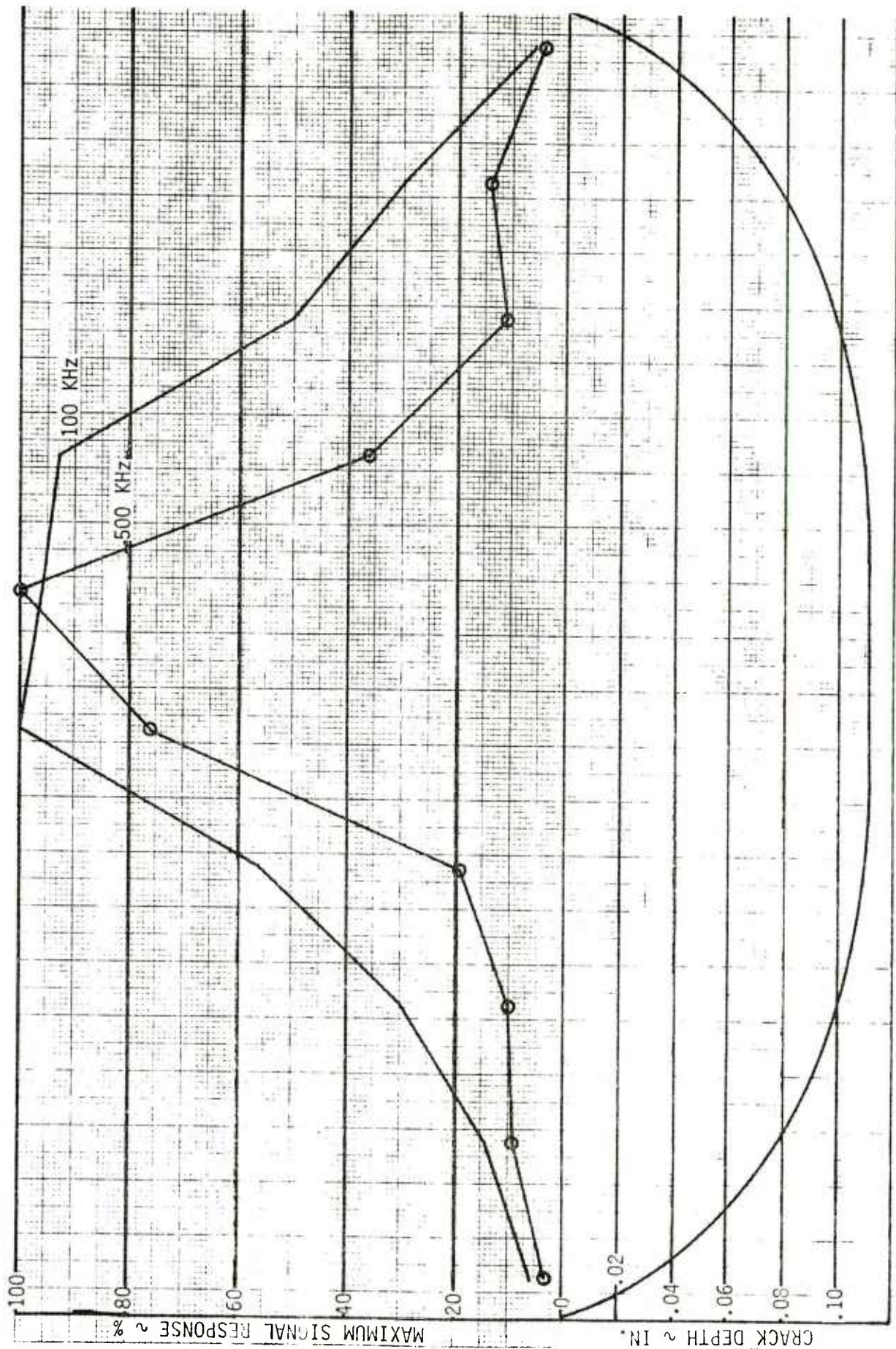


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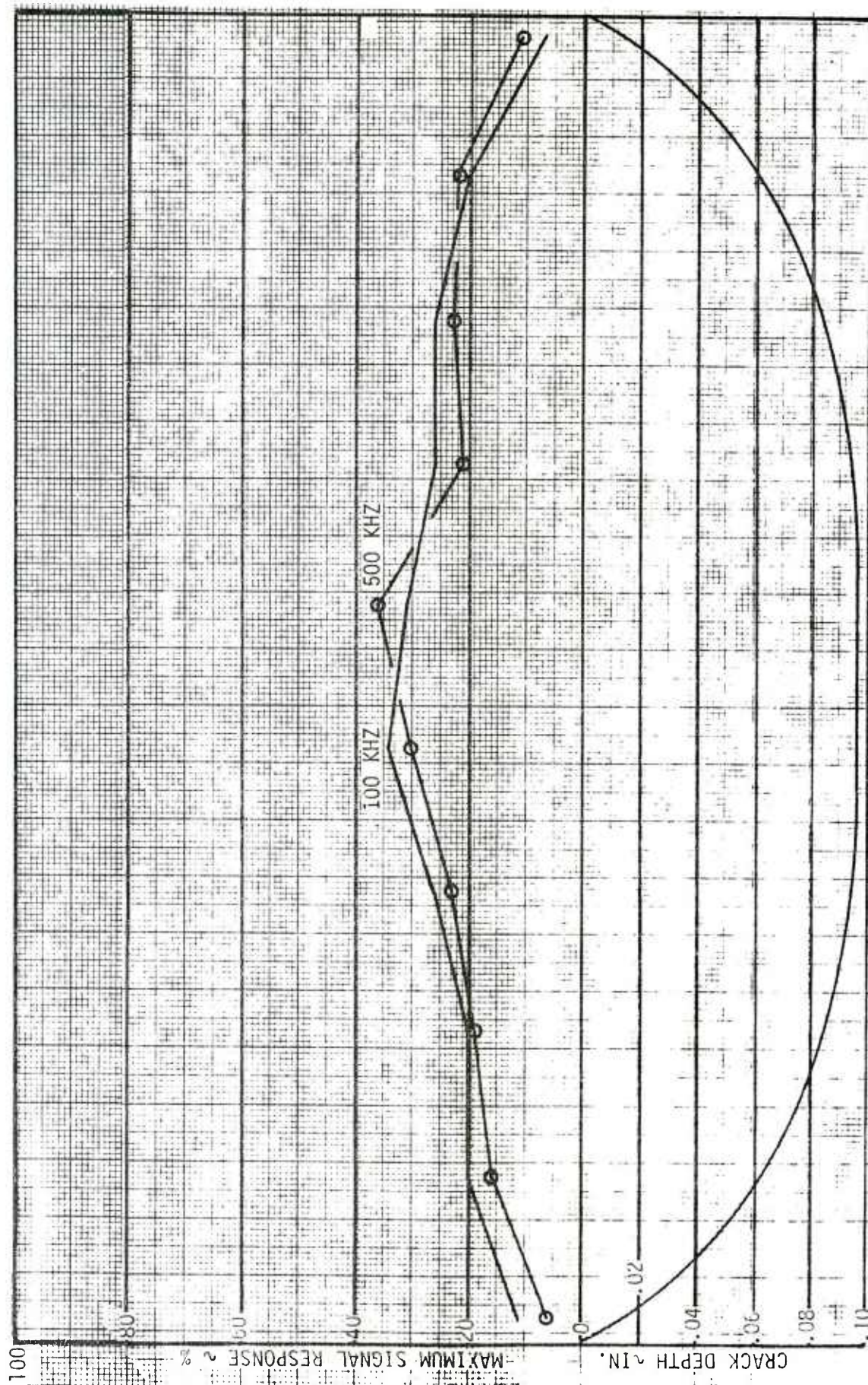


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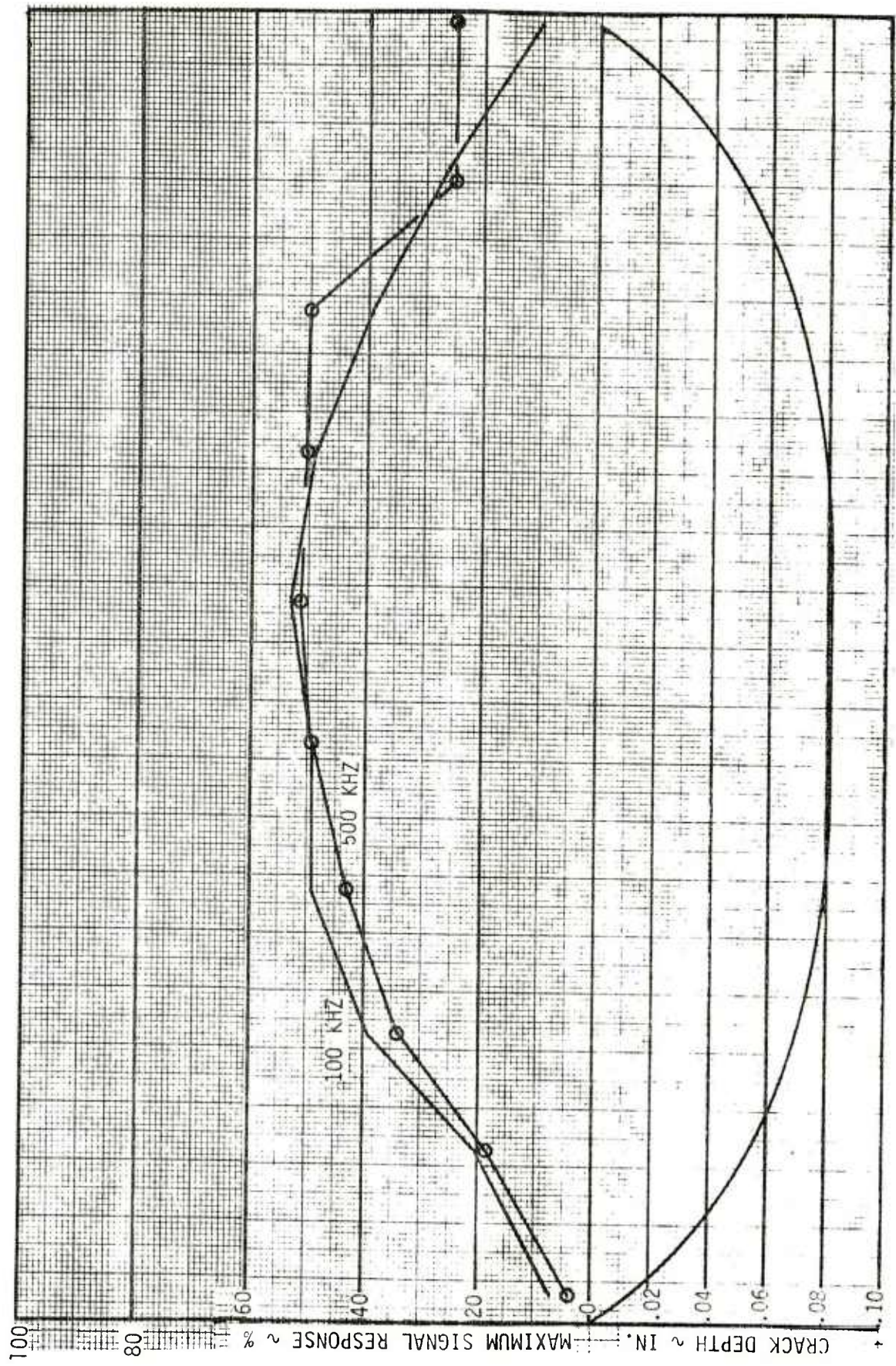


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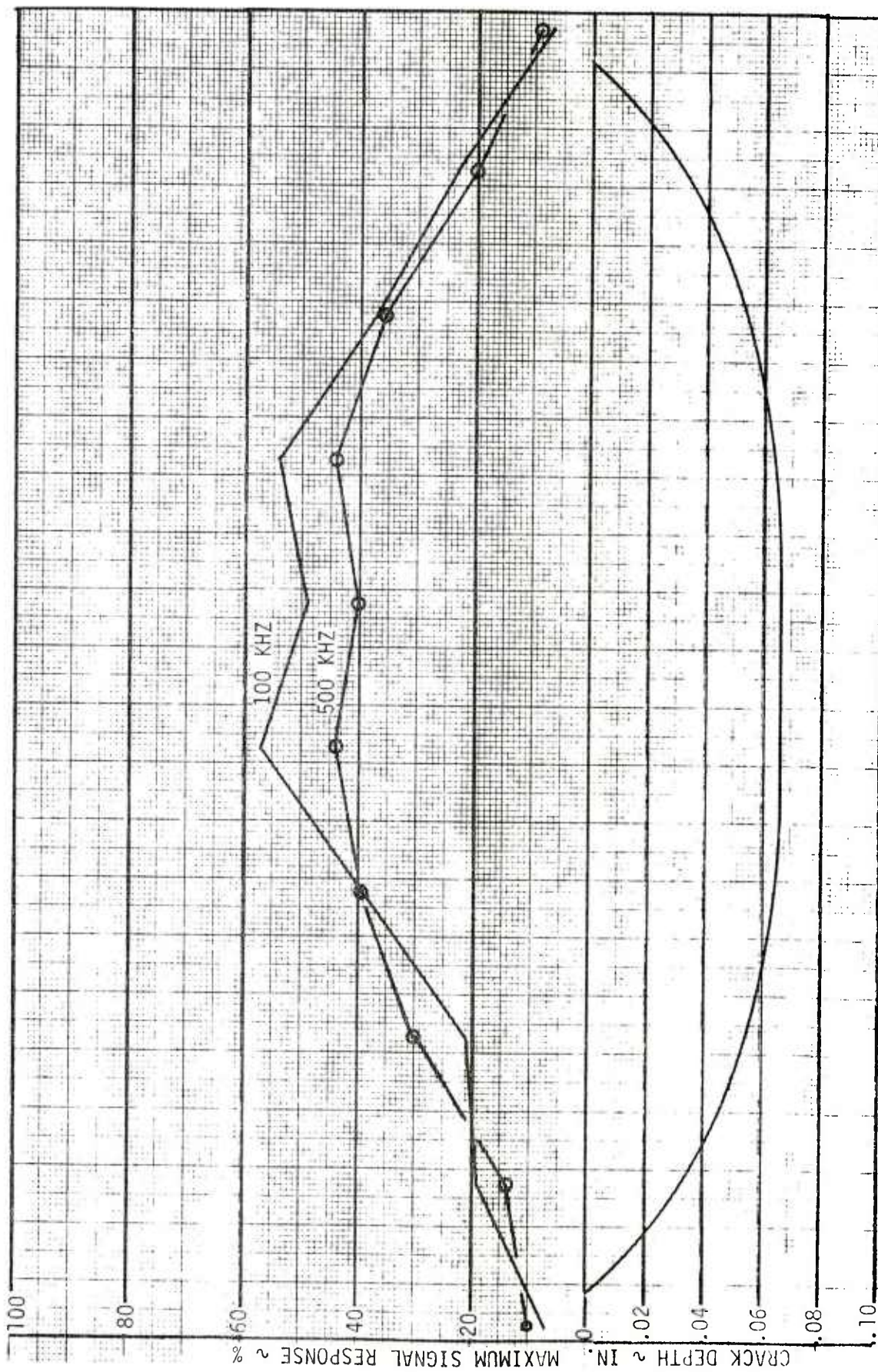


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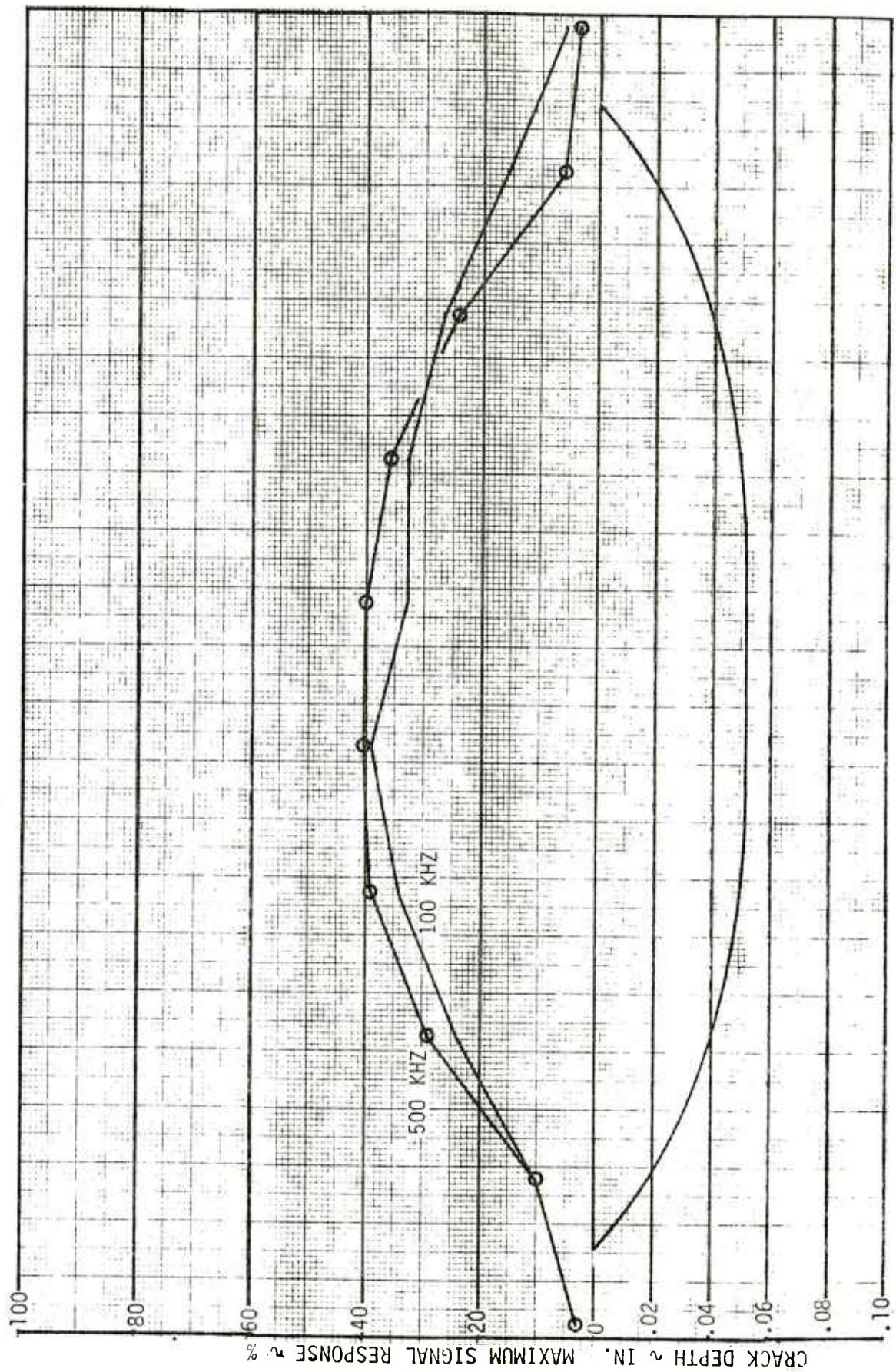


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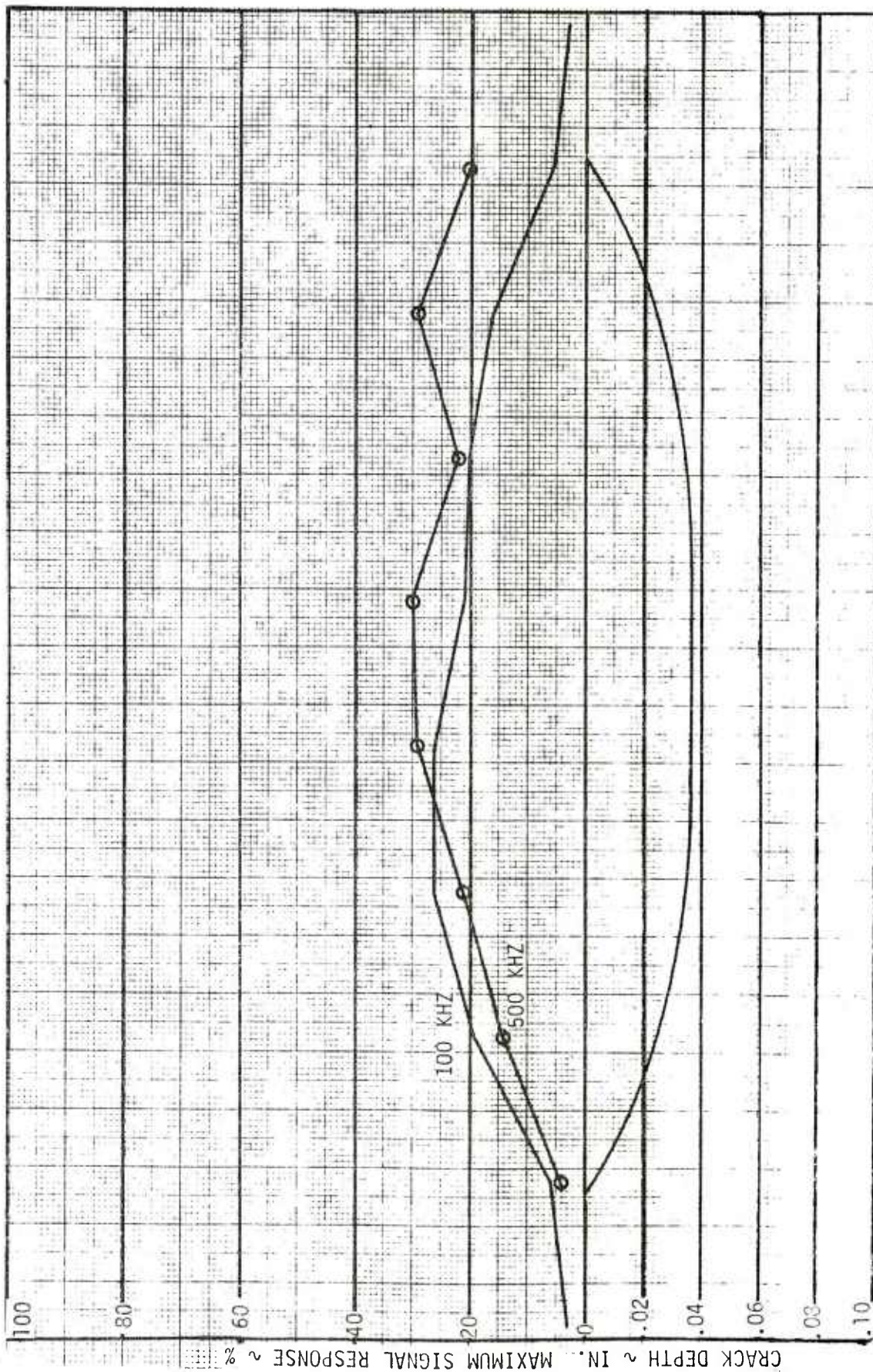


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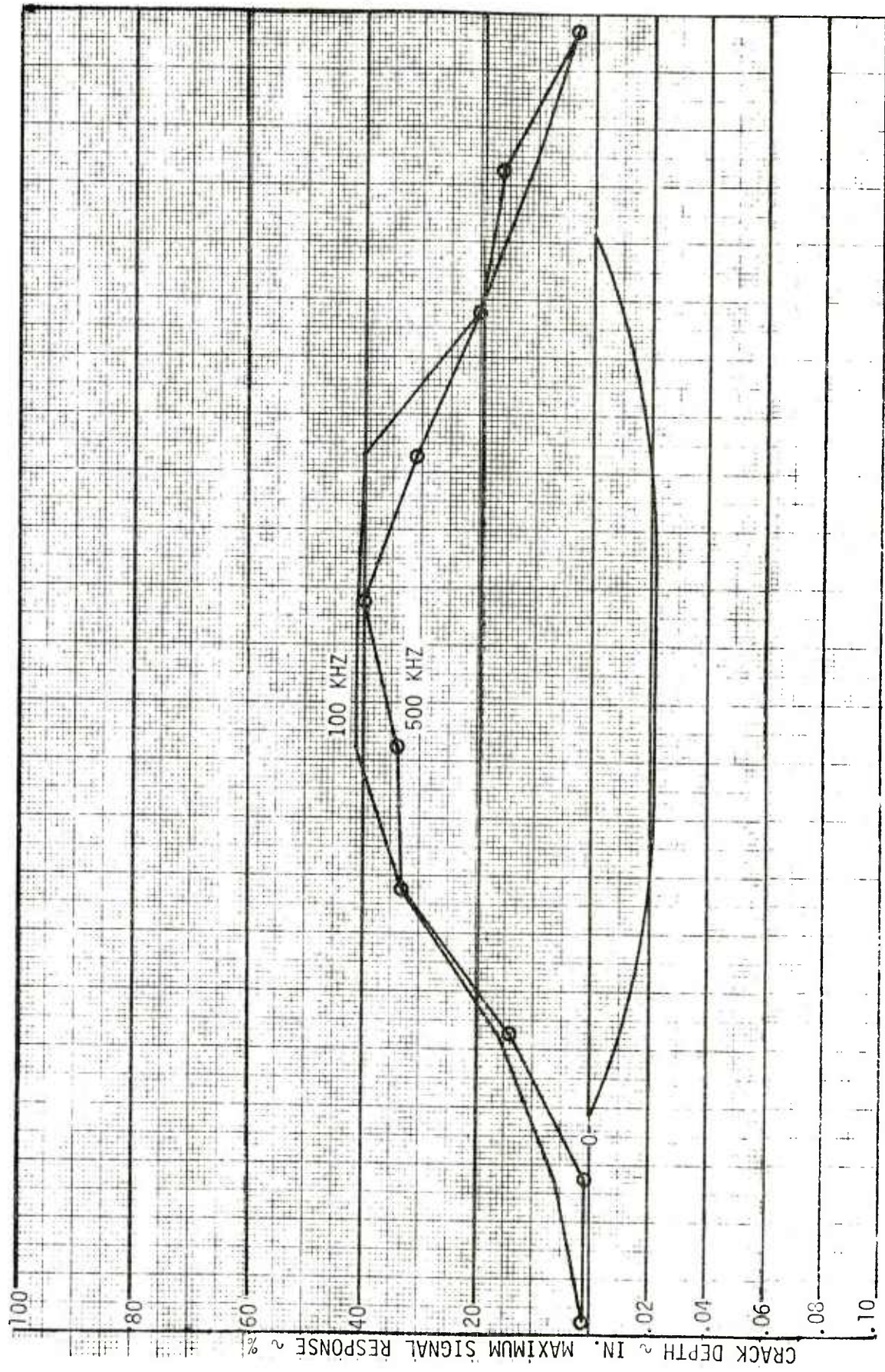


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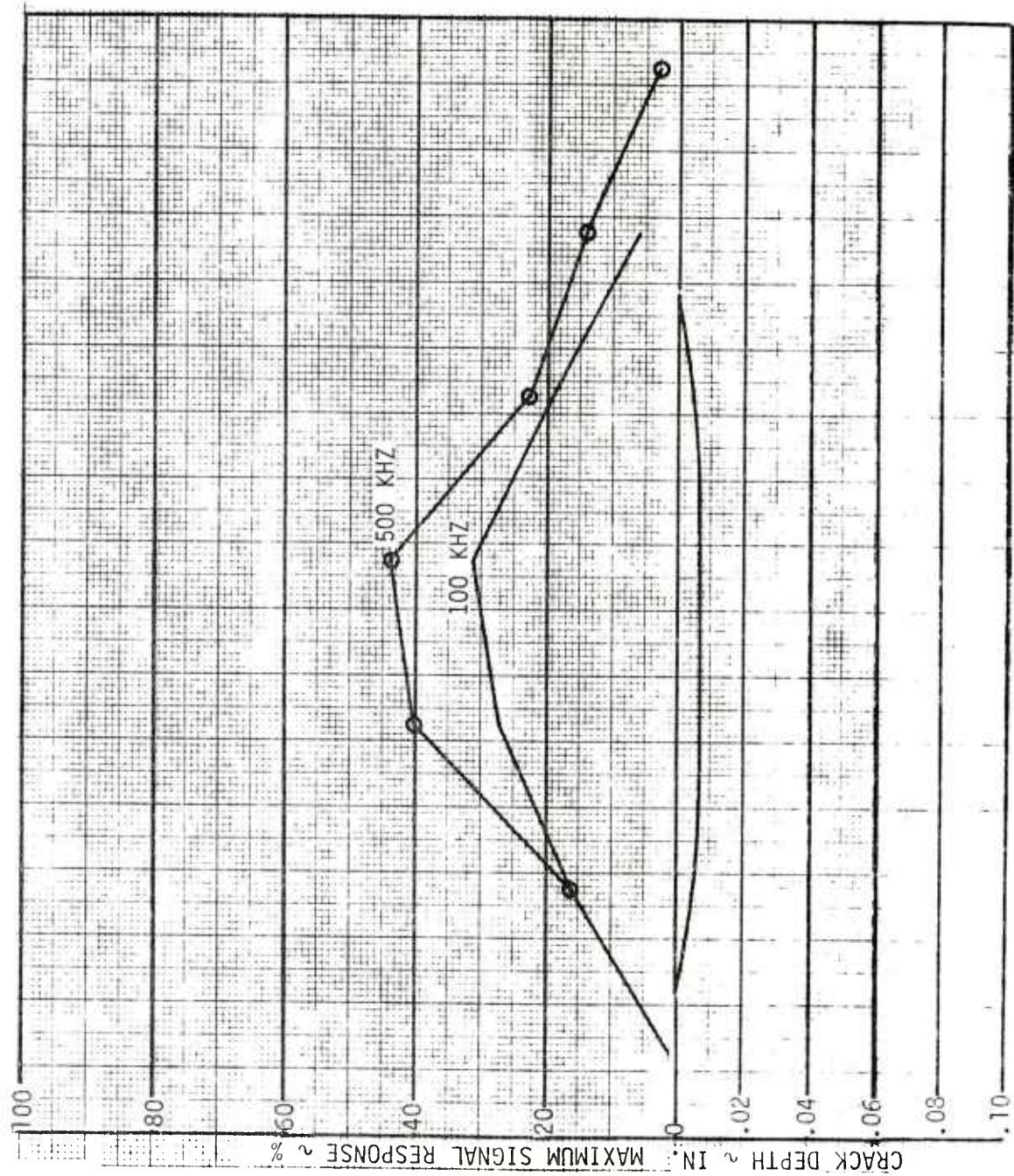


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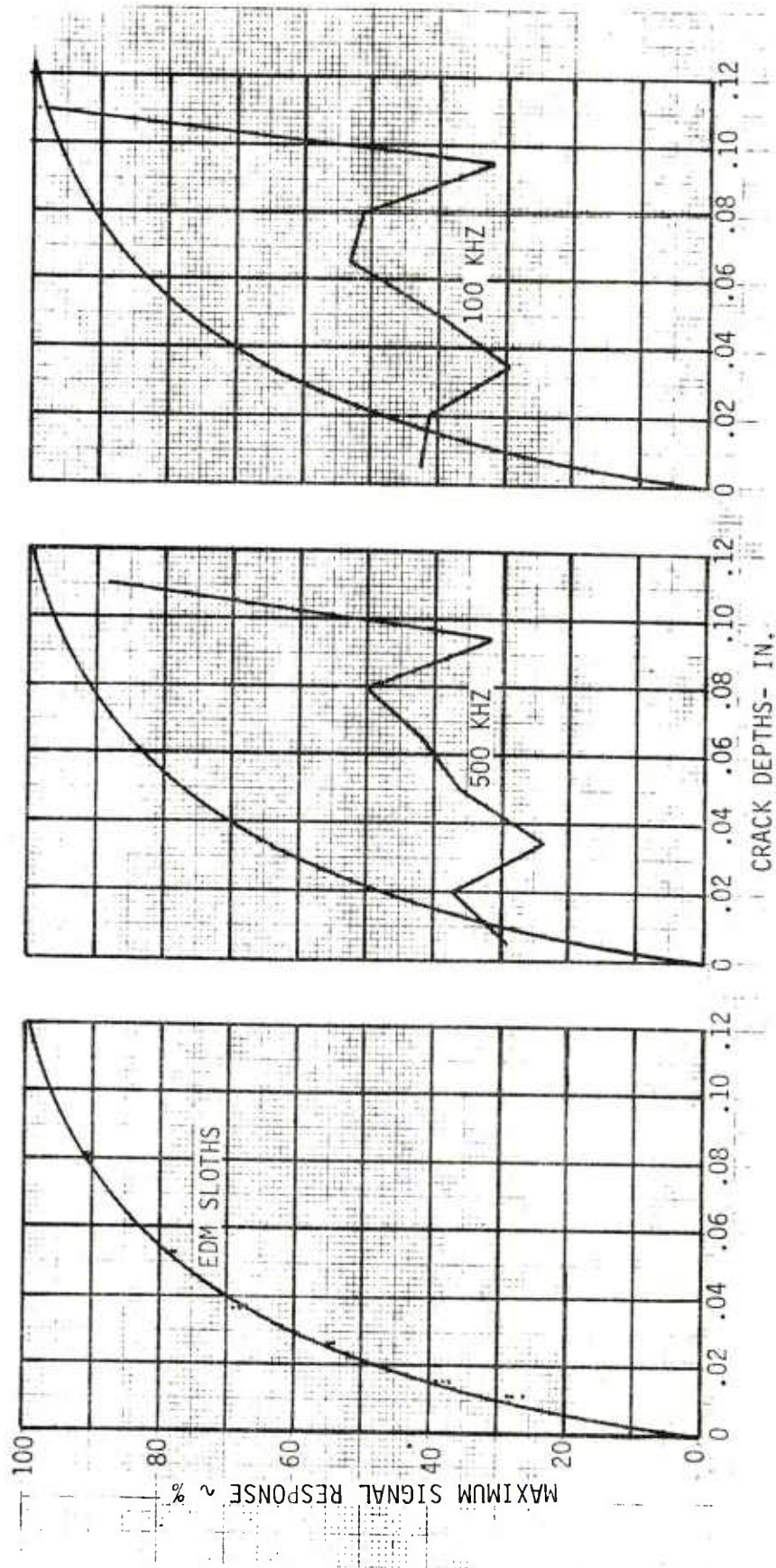


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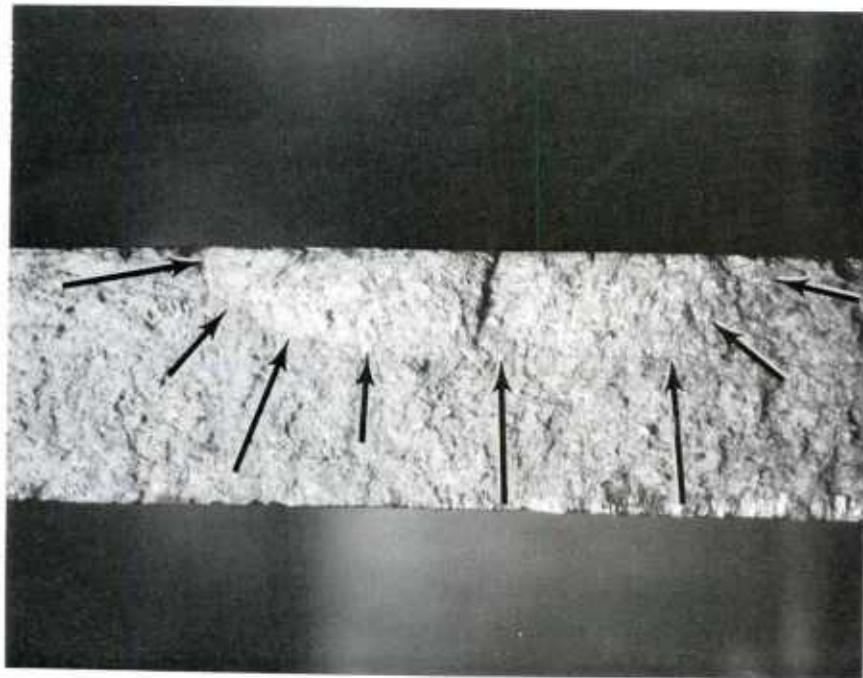
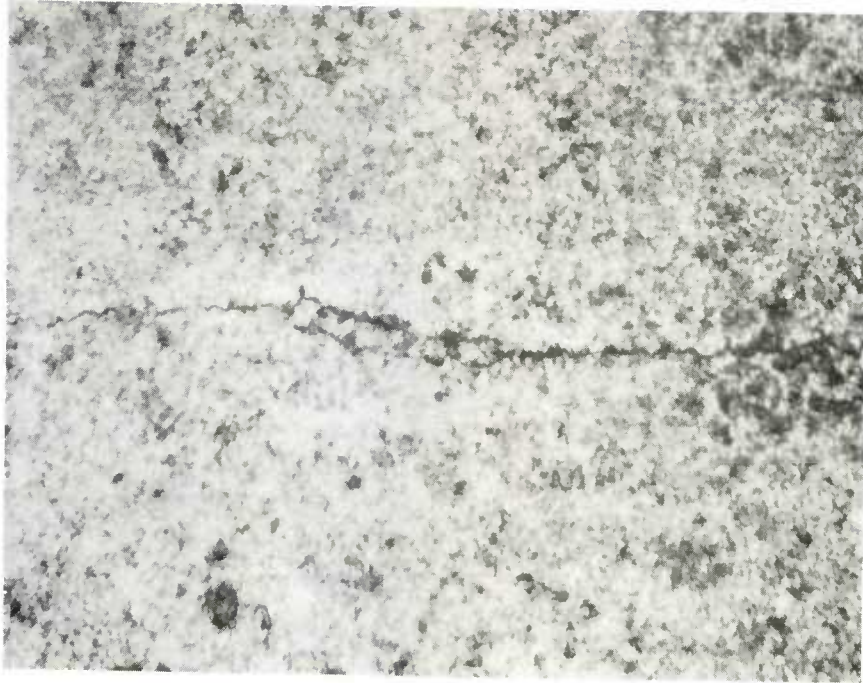
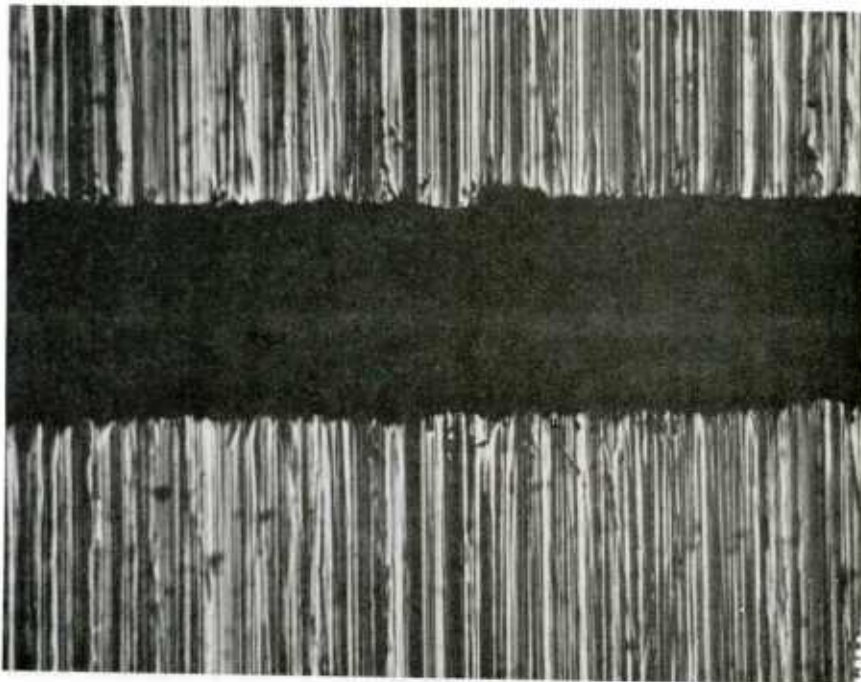


Figure 52. Fracture through fatigue crack



FATIGUE CRACK



EDM SLOT

Figure 53. EDM slot versus fatigue crack 300X

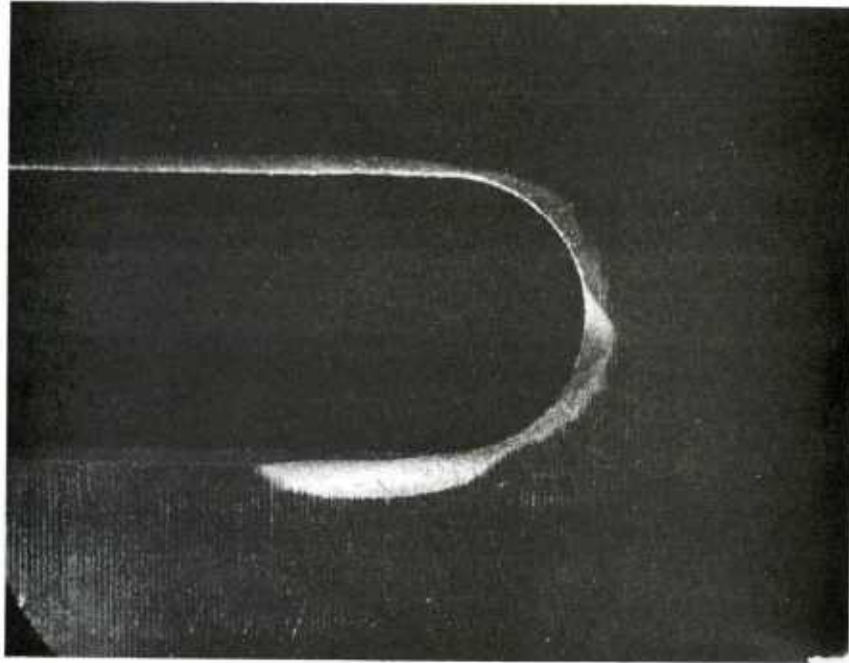


Figure 54. Slot irregularities, deburring

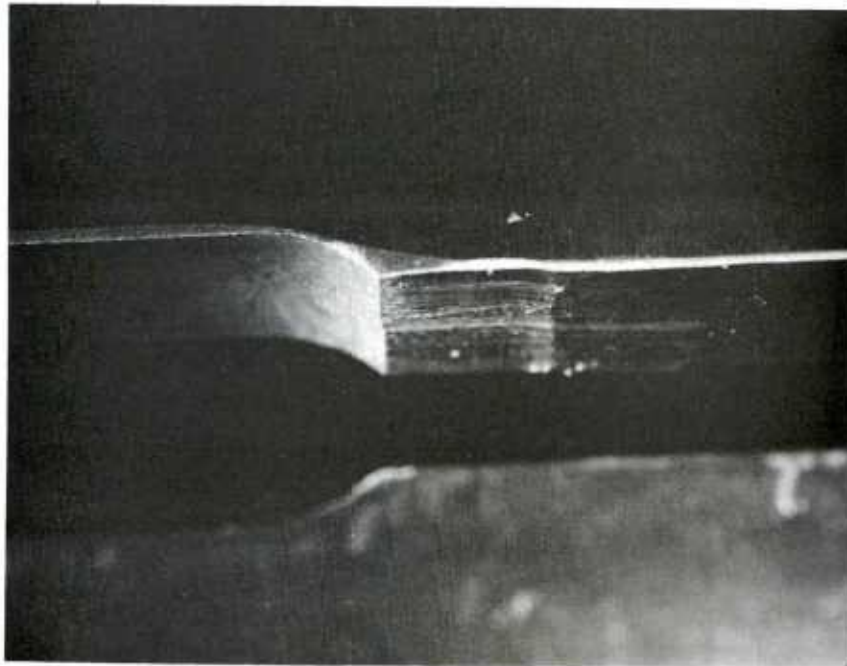


Figure 55. Slot irregularities, deburring and machining

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